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The purpose of this brochure is to preserve for our children, and our children's children, in simple form a few facts we have collated from various sources about our ancestry and living relatives.

Beginning with the earliest known facts about the several families involved, our procedure has been to trace the line of descent and show their presumed relationship to the undersigned. This explains the frequency of the usage of our initials (P. E. H. and L. McD. H.) throughout the brochure.

We are very grateful to all who have collaborated with us in any way. Very especially are we indebted to J. Mehrling Holdcraft who, in 1932, compiled a rather exhaustive treatise on the Holdcraft family and connections. He has not only made available that treatise, but has helped bring it down to date and has supplied much additional material. The late Rev. Wm. B. Duttera, Ph.D., S.T.D., of Salisbury, N. C., a minister of the Reformed Church, compiled in 1934 a book, "The Descendents of George Philip Daddra." This compilation has helped us very much. The late Albert C. McDonald has supplied valuable data on "the McDonald side of the house." Others in the various family units have cooperated in many ways, and to one and all we acknowledge our deep indebtedness.

In an undertaking of this kind errors are certain to occur, and of necessity there are many omissions. Because of our awareness of this we have provided appropriate places for errata and addenda. See chapters VIII and XIV. Please write in your corrections and additional data. Note that sheets of standard size typewriter paper may with ease be inserted anywhere in the brochure upon which additional information may be recorded.

The undersigned will be very grateful if those who discover errors, or can supply additional information, will send such data to them for possible use at some time in the future---perhaps by generations yet unborn.

Daniel Webster once remarked: "Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world."

Paul E. Holdcraft
Lola McDonald Holdcraft

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OUR ANCESTRY BY GENERATIONS, FROM EARLIEST KNOWN

The lines of descent of Paul E. Holdcraft and Lola McD. Holdcraft are here presented in abbreviated form, and according to our best information.

HOLDCRAFT

1. Capt. John Holdcraft
2. James Holdcraft
3. James Patrick Holdcraft
4. John Henry Holdcraft
5. P. E. H.

MEHRLING

1. Valentine von Mehrling
2. Johannes George Mehrling
3. Johannes Caspar Mehrling
4. Ella Mehrling Holdcraft
5. P. E. H.

NICKEL

1. John Adam Nickel, Sr.
2. Jacob Nickel
3. Margaret Nickel Mehrling
4. Ella Mehrling Holdcraft
5. P. E. H.

RAMSBURG

1. Joseph Brunner
2. Anna Brunner Ramsburg
3. Jacob Ramsburg
4. Catherine Ramsburg Dutrow
5. Catherine Dutrow Holdcraft
6. John H. Holdcraft
7. P. E. H.

DUTROW

1. George Philip Dutrow
2. Conrad Dutrow
3. Jacob /or/ Conrad Dutrow
4. George B. Dutrow
5. Conrad Dutrow
6. George Dutrow
7. Catherine Dutrow Holdcraft
8. John H. Holdcraft
9. P. E. H.

McDONALD

1. Angus McDonald, I
2. Angus McDonald, II
3. 7 McDonald
4. Jacob McDonnell, I
5. Jacob McDonnell, II
6. Jacob Vincent McDonald
7. L. McD. H.

STIMMEL

1. Isaac Stimmel
2. Jacob Stimmel, I
3. Jacob Stimmel, II
4. John B. Stimmel
5. Catherine Stimmel McDonnell
6. Jacob Vincent McDonald
7. L. McD. H.

ROUTZAHN

1. Wolfgang Routzahn
2. Johann Ludwig Routzahn, I
3. Johann Ludwig Routzahn, II
4. Jacob (of L) Routzahn
5. Hezekiah Routzahn
6. Clara Routzahn McDonald
7. L. McD. H.

BOWLUS

1. David Bowlus
2. Elizabeth Ann Bowlus Routzahn
3. Clara Routzahn McDonald
4. L. McD. H.

FLOYD

1. John Floyd
2. Catherine Floyd Routzahn
3. Hezekiah Routzahn
4. Clara Routzahn McDonald
5. L. McD. H.

PART ONE

THE HOLDCRAFT FAMILY

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Chapter I.

THE HOLDCRAFT ANCESTRY

For several years prior to 1932, J. Mehrling Holdcraft engaged in extensive correspondence with certain Holdcraft families in Ireland, the Irish Office in London, the Dublin Cathedral, and certain local Catholic priests in Ireland for the purpose of ascertaining facts about the Holdcraft ancestry. Much of what immediately follows is the result of Mehrling's researches and labors.

The earliest known Holdcrafts (Holdcroft, Holcroft, etc.) lived in Lancashire, England, in the fourteenth century, and seem to have migrated to Ireland in one of the Norman invasions of that period. However, some remained in England and the Irish branch of the family kept in touch with the parent stock for several generations, sending their sons back to England for higher education. Religiously, the Holdcrafts were Catholics in Ireland, but the older generations were connected with the Church of England.

CAPT. JOHN HOLDCRAFT
G-G-GRANDFATHER OF P. E. H.

Our knowledge of our Holdcraft ancestry becomes definite with Captain John Holdcraft, an officer under Colonel Tysdale in suppressing the revolution of 1798. Following his military career he settled down at Keagh's Cross, near Richardstown, County Louth, Ireland. Here he built a stone dwelling house which still stands and is occupied by some of his descendents. His wife's name is not known. But he raised a large family, of whom four names are definitely known: Henry, Bernard, James, and George.

JAMES HOLDCRAFT and ROSE (McCabe) HOLDCRAFT
G-Grandparents of P. E. H.

James Holdcraft, son of Capt. John, of Keagh's Cross, County Louth, Ireland, married Rose McCabe, of Dunleer, County Louth, Ireland. They had three children: James Patrick, Elizabeth, and Henry. The father died at an early age and at least one of their children, James Patrick, went to live with his grandmother. Nothing more is known of these great-grandparents

JAMES PATRICK HOLDCRAFT and CATHERINE (Dutrow) HOLDCRAFT
Grandparents of P. E. H.

James Patrick Holdcraft was born at Keagh's Cross, County Louth, Ireland, in September, 1836. At the age of fourteen he ran away from home and it is said he "stowed away" on a vessel bound for South America. The next few years seem to have been spent as a seaman. On June 16, 1857, the records of the Federal Courts in Boston and Stoughton, Mass., show that he entered the port of Boston as an immigrant. He then made his home with several cousins in Stoughton, Mass., and secured employment as a "boot crimper" in a shoe factory. With the outbreak of the Civil War, although not yet a naturalized citizen of the United States, he volunteered and was assigned to Co. K., 5th Mass. Inf., which later was reorganized as

the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry. He served with this regiment through many major battles until July 6, 1863. While on outpost duty near Frederick, Md., he was cut off from his regiment by a force of Confederates. While in hiding from the Confederates, in a deserted lime kiln, his own regiment moved off into Pennsylvania, listing him first as "missing" and later as "deserted." His version was that after being left behind by his regiment, he seized the opportunity to join the cavalry. After three years in the infantry, he wanted to ride a horse. Three weeks after being left behind by his regiment he was in Co. D., First Md. Cavalry, better known as Cole's Cavalry. To avoid detection by the Infantry, he enlisted in the Cavalry under the assumed name of James McCabe. McCabe was his mother's maiden name. Serving with this Cavalry unit until the end of the war, he was honorably discharged at Harpers Ferry, June 28, 1865. During the war he was taken prisoner Jan. 1, 1864 at Rectortown and was confined in the infamous Libby prison, where thousands of soldiers died of cold, starvation, and illness. The war records show he was back with his regiment the following summer, having been exchanged, or escaped.

While on maneuvers in the vicinity of Frederick, and possibly through a soldier comrade, he met Catherine Ann Sophia Dutrow. They were married in Bethel Church, near Lewistown, Frederick County, July 9, 1865, eleven days after his discharge from the Cavalry. In the interim, James Patrick dropped his assumed name of McCabe and resumed the use of his correct name, Holdcraft. The old Bethel Church, a small stone structure, still stands.

The building was used during the week as a school house, where George Dutrow, father of Catherine, taught school through the week and led the singing on Sundays. He also conducted old fashioned singing schools which were popular a hundred years ago. Preceding the erection of this old stone church, which is thought to have occurred in 1838, a structure of logs was on the site and was known as Ramsburg's School House, after Jacob Ramsburg, a Holdcraft ancestor. The old Bethel Church was used jointly by the Reformed and Lutheran denominations. In 1881 the Lutherans erected a more commodious edifice on the premises, and the Reformed group went to nearby Charlesville and built a church. Catherine Dutrow Holdcraft, having been raised in the Reformed Church, went with the Charlesville group and retained her membership there until death. James Patrick Holdcraft was a Catholic, and it was quite a concession on his part to be married in a Protestant Church. Nevertheless, he saw to it that his three children were baptized as Catholics. After his death, his widow raised the children in the Reformed Church.

The children of James Patrick and Catherine Dutrow Holdcraft were: John Henry, born June 1, 1866; Rose Catherine Ann, born May 19, 1868; and Mary Susan, born Feb. 12, 1870. The two sisters married Milton and Edward Powell, brothers. See Chapter VII. John Henry was born at Stoughton, Mass., and the girls were born at Brook Hill, Frederick County. Brook Hill is also known as Yellow Springs.

Following their marriage, Patrick and Catherine went to Stoughton, Mass., where he resumed his occupation as a "boot crimper" in a shoe factory. After John Henry was born they decided to return to Frederick County and lived for a while in a log house owned by Catherine's brother John. Patrick worked at farming and whatever he could get to do. He helped build the old "Receiver," a part of the first water system of Frederick. It still stands near Yellow Springs. As work became scarce, Patrick returned to Massachusetts where he could work at his trade. A number of letters came, stating he was saving money to send for his family, and looking forward to a happy reunion. Suddenly, the letters stopped coming. It was later learned he had gone to New Hampshire to work on the construction of a bridge and had fallen to the rocks below and was killed. Years passed before Grandmother could establish her claim for a soldier's widow's pension. This she finally did, but not until she had raised her children and all had passed through many years of privation and sacrifice.

The children of James Patrick and Catherine Holdcraft were raised in the vicinity of Brook Hill, Ceresville, and other locations.

Catherine Ann (Dutrow) Holdcraft was born June 29, 1834, and died Feb. 12, 1917. Before marriage, she lived for a while in the family of Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, near Harmony Grove. Admiral Schley became famous as the commander of the American fleet which destroyed the Spanish fleet at Santiago, 1898. Grandmother had many memories of Admiral Schley as a youth.

Most of grandmother's later life was lived in the home of Aunt Anna Powell, her daughter, with occasional extended visits with her other children. She died at the home of Aunt Anna, near Lewistown. She was fatally stricken while sitting in her favorite chair, reading her Bible. Her finger was pointing to this passage--Isa. 43: 2. Funeral services were conducted in the Reformed Church at Charlesville, with interment in the adjacent graveyard. Grandsons served as casket-bearers.

JOHN HENRY HOLDCRAFT and ELLA (Mehrling) HOLDCRAFT

John Henry Holdcraft, son of James Patrick and Catherine (Dutrow) Holdcraft, was born June 1, 1866 at Stoughton, Mass. When he was about one year old his parents returned to Frederick County and resided at Brook Hill, now better known as Yellow Springs. See preceding sketch for the story of his parents, and see Chapter VII for the story of his sisters, Anna and Susan.

John Henry received his meager schooling in the Brook Hill School, and later in the Retreat Grove School, near Ceresville. As a lad he engaged in the simple sports and pastimes of the mountain folk of that day, and early in his boyhood became inured to toil. In his early teens he went to live with the Shriner family, who owned the Ceresville flour mill. Here he learned the trade of the miller. Later, his mother and sisters moved into the old stone house across from the mill. It was to this old stone house that John in 1888 brought his bride. In the great flood of 1889 the lower floor of the house was inundated, ruining some valuable furniture. In this same basement living room Paul E. Holdcraft, while pastor of the nearby Walkersville United Brethren Church, 1912-1916, baptized the child of a parishioner. In recent years the old stone house was razed to make way for the widening of the highway, and a modern house now stands just back of the site of the old one.

While working for the Shriners, whom John always held in the highest esteem, it was one of John's routine duties to deliver mill products to patrons, one of whom was Caspar Mehrling, near Frederick. In this manner he became acquainted with Casper's daughter, Ella Cornelia. Casper Mehrling was a farmer and orchardist. He was married to Margaret Ann Elizabeth Nickel. See Chapters III and IV. The courtship resulted in marriage, much to the chagrin of Grandfather Mehrling. He wanted his daughter to accept the attentions of several other young men who were regular callers at the home. Although both of these young men became prominent in the business and social life of Frederick, Mother often stated she never regretted her choice. John and Ella were married Nov. 29, 1888, by their pastor, Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D. D., of the Frederick Lutheran Church. The ceremony took place at the parsonage. In their old age, Mother and Father frequently mentioned that in all their married life never a cross word had passed between them.

Grandfather Mehrling seems to have softened in his attitude toward John, for soon after the marriage John left the mill, where he had worked ten years, and lived in the Mehrling home. He took over the management of the farm while Grandfather busied himself with his orchard, cider, and vinegar business. Here, in the old homestead, Maurice, Paul, and Ruth were born.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1900.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the 10th day of January, 1900, the following names were proposed for election to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1900:

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Grandmother Mehrling died Mar. 13, 1894, and on Aug. 1, 1894 John and Ella Holdcraft and family moved to a rented house then known as 55 West South St., and John took a position as miller for S. D. Reifsnyder, who operated a flour mill on the East Church Street, extended, pike. In the fall of 1895 they bought from the Shriners a dwelling then known as 133 East Church Street, and moved into it. Here all the other children were born. In 1922 the Church Street property was sold and they bought the dwelling known as 338 East Third Street. Here they resided until Mother and Father died.

Early in 1896 John had to relinquish his work in the flour mill because of a respiratory infection brought on by mill dust. The doctor ordered him to secure work in the open air. During the summer of 1896 he worked on the construction of the trolley line to Braddock Heights. Later he worked a short while for the Frederick Lime and Stone Co., and on July 4, 1897 became a road salesman for U. A. Lough, dealer in monuments and tombstones. John remained with the Lough firm until his death, June 28, 1937. From early Monday morning until Saturday night he was away from home, traveling the highways and byways of Frederick, Carroll, Howard, and Montgomery Counties with horse and buggy, and sometimes by bicycle. He knew every inch of those roads, and practically everybody who lived along them. In his later years, in order to be able to spend more of his time at home, he eased up on the selling and assisted with shop work and installations.

John Henry Holdcraft was raised in the Reformed Church (Bethel and Charlesville), but upon removing to the vicinity of Frederick he united by transfer with the Frederick Evangelical Lutheran Church, April 24, 1886. He became active as a Sunday School teacher. An entry in his diary under date of Feb. 28, 1892, is this: "Our S. S. Class, on motion by myself, concluded to contribute during the year a sum of money sufficient to build a prayer house, or church, in India." There is no indication as to how the project succeeded, nevertheless it was ambitious, to say the least. Another activity of John was his service, first as 1st Lieutenant, and later as Captain of Antietam Camp No. 3, Sons of Civil War Veterans. In the latter organization he was proficient with the fife in the fife and drum corps, a popular organization of that era. Father Holdcraft was a nature lover, and was well versed in all things pertaining to the great out-of-doors.

John Henry Holdcraft died June 28, 1937, and was buried in the family plot at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

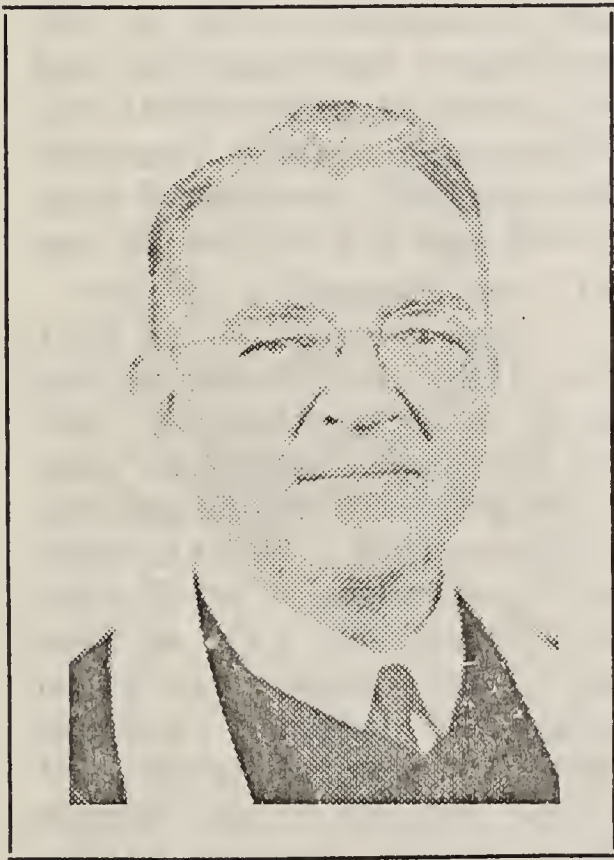
Ella Cornelia (Mehrling) Holdcraft was born Nov. 4, 1863 and died April 12, 1935. She became the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living at this time (1954). See next sketch. Throughout her life her interests centered in her home, her family, and her church. Her children will never cease to marvel at her devotion, her sacrificial life, her industry, and her patience. Her home was always a neighborhood center.

Ella was baptized July 24, 1864, and confirmed in the Lutheran Church May 15 and 16, 1880. The latter ceremony in those days began on the Saturday before Whitsuntide and was completed the following day. Whitsuntide was always an important anniversary in Mother's calendar.

When Mother died, Dad had this inscription carved on her tombstone: "She hath done what she could." All who knew her felt the quotation was very apropos. When Father died, the family felt there should be a matching quotation on his stone. Accordingly, this was our selection: "Faithful over a few things." This, too, seems to epitomize his life and character.

A sidelight on the birth of Ella Cornelia (Mehrling) Holdcraft may be of interest. On Nov. 3, 1863, a Confederate Regiment camped, without permission, in

Grandfather's orchard. An officer rudely rapped on the kitchen door and without further ado strode into the house and into the pantry. There he saw a barrel of flour Grandfather had just brought from the mill. Turning to Grandmother he said: "You get busy and make some flapjacks for my hungry soldiers." All day long grandmother stood at the hot stove making flapjacks, throwing them out the window when done. Hungry soldiers were there fighting for them. Fearing for Grandmother's safety, Grandfather took her to Frederick that night to the home of friends who lived in the original Barbara Fritchie house. Barbara had died the preceding December. That night Ella Cornelia was born. She was born in an upstairs room on the side of the house nearest the center of the city. In 1868 flood waters washed away the wall under the creek side of the house and it collapsed, and was torn down. With the advent of the automobile, and tourists who wanted to see the Fritchie home, the old house was rebuilt exactly as it was before the flood. Some of the original materials have been re-used. (See the Maryland Historical Society's Magazine of Sept. 1942.)



Paul F. Holdercraft



Lola McDonald Holdercraft

Chapter II

THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN HENRY AND ELLA MEHRLING HOLDCRAFT

- (1) JOHN MAURICE. Born Dec. 1, 1889. Married Mary Elizabeth Williams Aug. 4, 1910. Mary was born Jan. 13, 1891 at Front Royal, Va., to George Washington Williams (5-10-1863---3-16-1932) and Lula Anna (Howser) Williams (1-2-1874---6-3-1950). Mary's mother's parents were Dennis and Mary (Young) Howser. Mary is an accomplished musician.

With time out for soldiering, Maurice has given a lifetime of service to the C. and P. Telephone Co., as switch-board technician, wire-chief, and instructor. Since 1920 he has been stationed in Cleveland, Ohio.

As a teen-ager, he enlisted in Co. A., 2nd Inf., D. C. National Guard. Upon returning to Frederick from Washington, he transferred to Co. A., 1st Regt., Md. N. G. While stationed in Penna. he joined Troop F., 1st Penna. Cavalry and served with that outfit in the Mexican border trouble of 1916. He was a bugler. In April 1917 his cavalry regiment was converted into the 107th Field Artillery. During World War I Maurice was overseas 13 months and fought in the major battles of the Oise-Aisne, the Second Marne, the Argonne-Forest, and Ypres-Lys. He was honorably discharged in June 1919. In 1937 he returned to the World War I battlefields for a visit. In recent years Maurice has served as Commander of an American Legion Post in Cleveland. His hobby is the collection of ancient and modern firearms, for which he maintains in his home an extensive museum. There are no children.

- (2) PAUL ELLSWORTH. Born Sept. 22, 1891. Married Lola Grace McDonald Dec. 28, 1910. Lola was born June 30, 1892. See sketches of her family ancestry in Part Two of this brochure. A graduate of the Frederick High School, 1910, she has continued her education by taking advantage of many opportunities for instruction in music, art, and Christian leadership. She holds the advanced Teacher Training diploma of the International Council of Religious Education. Uniting with the Frederick United Brethren Church at the age of twelve she has since been active in every phase of church work.

Paul E. Holdcraft was licensed to preach in 1908 and was ordained in 1913 by Pa. Annual Conf. of the United Brethren Church. Most of his education was gotten while serving pastorates in connection with his schooling. In addition to A. B. and B. D. degrees, he holds post graduate degree of Doctor of Sacred Theol., from Westminster Theol. Sem., and honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Lebanon Valley College. Pastorates: Rayville, Md., Walkersville, Md., Keedysville, Md., York Fourth, Baltimore Third, Hagerstown Emmanuel, and Baltimore Old Otterbein. Upon retirement in 1953 the latter church's vestry voted him the title of pastor-emeritus. During the 43 years of his active ministry he preached 4,413 sermons, baptized 879 persons, married 1,142 couples, received 1,731 into the church (average 40+ per year), conducted 643 funerals, and raised nearly half a million dollars for various church purposes. Other activities include: Editor Conference paper 20 years; on editorial staff of S. S. literature for U. B. denom. 16 1/2 years; conference historian 27 years (now historian emeritus); director and/or vice pres. Md.-Del. Council of Churches 25 years; president Balto. Interdenom. Ministerial Union one year; delegate to five quadrennial Gen. Conferences of U. B. Church; author of miscellaneous books with circulation of 250,000 to 1953.

The children and grandchildren of Paul E. and Lola McD. Holdcraft are as follows:

Martha Romaine. Born May 2, 1912. Married Calvin Amos Keeney, May 7, 1939. Calvin was born Feb. 2, 1912, to Oliver C. Keeney (Nov. 21, 1876-June 13, 1951) and Alverta (Iler) Keeney (Jan. 9, 1886).

Martha graduated from Hagerstown High School; studied piano and organ under private tutors and at Peabody Conservatory of

Music; taught music in Hagerstown; organist and choir director of Emmanuel Church, Hagerstown. Calvin graduated from Forest Park High School and attended Johns Hopkins University; combustion engineer with Bethlehem Steel Co. Calvin and Martha are the parents of--

--Calvin Amos Keeney, Jr., born Nov. 17, 1942.

--David Holdcraft Keeney, born Jan. 17, 1944.

Paul Ellsworth Holdcraft, Jr. Born Feb. 4, 1914; died July 28, 1927.

Miriam Elaine. Born Dec. 29, 1916. Married Richard Brittingham Farlow, * May 7, 1943. Miriam graduated from Hagerstown High School and Shenandoah College; attended Lebanon Valley College; graduated from Hagerstown Business College. Richard's parents: John Henry Farlow (6-28-1877--7-9-1943) and Daisy Brittingham Farlow (5-28-1881--). Richard graduated from the Wicomico High School, Salisbury, Md., and attended the University of Md. He is a department store executive in Salisbury. Richard and Miriam are the parents of--

--Richard Brittingham Farlow, Jr., born April 6, 1944.

--Elaine Melinda Farlow, born Feb. 18, 1948.

Rachel Evelyn. Born Oct. 8, 1918. Married George Thomas Farthing, Mar. 1, 1942. Rachel graduated from the Hagerstown High School, Shenandoah College, and Lebanon Valley College. George is the son of the late James Elmer Farthing (7-21-1879--Aug. 3, 1924) and Eva Tyler Farthing (7-21-1879--). He was born May 16, 1918; graduated from Williamsburg, Va., High School and Shenandoah College; attended the College of William and Mary; served in U. S. Air Force Jan. 23, 1943 to Feb. 16, 1946; rank of sergeant; Civil Service employee of U. S. Post Office at Williamsburg, Va. George and Rachel are the parents of

--Susan Holdcraft Farthing, born Sept. 8, 1946.

*Birthday omitted----Richard B. Farlow, Sr. - Mar. 20, 1912.

We shall now continue with the descendents of John H. and Ella Mehrling Holdcraft:

(3) RUTH HELEN. Born Aug. 27, 1893. Married Lloyd Calvin Mackley, 1920. Lloyd was born Oct. 28, 1895, to the late James Irvin and Naomi Olivia (Firor) Mackley, and since World War I has been an accountant with the W. M. R. R. In World War I he served with several outfits and was overseas eleven months, participating in the battle of the Meuse-Argonne. He has served as commander of several American Legion Posts, and has been active in civic and fraternal circles in Thurmont. Ruth is a graduate of the Frederick High School, and along with her husband finds time for their extensive collection of antiques. Their family consists of:

--Naomi Ellen. Born Jan. 16, 1921.

--Helen Elizabeth. Born Feb. 26, 1927.

--James Henry. Born Jan. 3, 1929. James was in U. S. Navy, 1946-1948, and later spent two years in Alaska with a mining concern. James

--Martha Ragan. Born April 23, 1930. (Henry was married June 5, 1954

--James Leonard. Born May 8, 1944. (to Dorothy M. Dibert.

(4) NELSON REIFSNYDER. Born Mar. 5, 1896. Died Dec. 23, 1896.

(Children of John and Ella Holdcraft, continued)

- (5) JACOB MEHRLING HOLDCRAFT. Born Feb. 21, 1898. Married Edna May Mund, Aug. 25, 1923. She is the daughter of Charles Henry and Louisa Margaret (Albrecht) Mund, and was born May 7, 1901. Following High School graduation Edna for six years was on the staff of Enoch Pratt Library, and studied voice at Peabody Conservatory of Music.

J. Mehrling Holdcraft volunteered for World War I and was accepted July 5, 1917, and served with Field Hospital 15, 2nd Div., Regulars. He was overseas Dec. 3, 1917 - Aug. 13, 1919. He participated in the battles of Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont, Argonne Forest, and various quieter sectors. Following the Armistice he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany until his return to the states. During World War II he served 200 days of active service in the Coast Guard Reserves (Port Security), Baltimore Area, with the rating of Boatswain's Mate, 1st Class.

Since World War I Mehrling has been on the staff of the Baltimore Sun-papers. A member of the Md. Historical Society, his hobby and special interest is the compilation of genealogies of Frederick County, Md. His compilations are found in the Maryland Historical Society, Enoch Pratt, Peabody, and Artz Libraries and are in great demand. Much of the more ancient data in this family history is the result of his researches.

The children of Jacob Mehrling and Edna Mund Holdcraft are:

- Robert Mehrling. Born Sept. 6, 1925. Robert was killed in action in World War II at Oggersheim, Germany, Mar. 22, 1945. At the time of his enlistment he was an honor student at Johns Hopkins University. His body was laid to rest with military honors in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.
- Elaine Damaris. Born June 23, 1927. At home.
- John Charles. Born Oct. 9, 1929. Served in U. S. Army (Corporal), Mar. 1947 - Jan. 1950. Married Edith C. Bassford June 20, 1953. She was born Nov. 2, 1934, the daughter of Martin Luther and Melva Wheeley Bassford. John is a printer by trade.

- (6) ROGER LEE. Born July 14, 1900. Married Elise Goguen (born Mar. 4, 1898), daughter of Placide Goguen and Clothilde Thibedeau Goguen, of Cape Bald, N. B., Canada. There are no children.

Roger enlisted in the U. S. Marines Feb. 1919 and saw service in the Santo Domingo revolution, Haiti, and the Virgin Islands. In 1922 he was one of 180 Marines selected from the entire Marine Corps on the basis of physical build and drilling efficiency to be sent to the world's fair at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where exhibition drills were given daily in competition with similar outfits from many other nations. He was discharged in Feb. 1923, and became a specialist in the selection and treatment of fine woods used in the cabinet-making industry, in Phila.

In World War II he sought re-enlistment in the Marines but was over age, so he enlisted in the "Sea Bees." He figured in the famous landing on Iwo Jima, and was there until the close of the war. He was discharged in Oct. 1945, and has since resided in Hollywood, Calif.

- (7) NAOMI CATHERINE. Born Sept. 15, 1903. Twin to Janie. Married Harry Maynard Cramer, Jr., in 1933. Harry was born Apr. 2, 1904, son of Harry M. Cramer, Sr., and Lucy Cevilla (Schroeder) Cramer. Both Harry and Naomi are graduates of the Frederick High School. Business: automobile accessories. The children of Harry and Naomi Cramer are:

- Mary Catherine. Born May 24, 1934.
- Carol Jean. Born Mar. 12, 1947.

(Children of John and Ella Holdcraft, continued)

- (8) JANIE LOUISE. Born Sept. 15, 1903. Twin to Naomi. Married Richard Carlton Lighter July 20, 1927. Richard was born Oct. 7, 1900, and is the son of Lorenzo and Ida Estelle (Bussard) Lighter, of Middletown, Md. A graduate of the Un. of Md., he is Supervisor of Vocational Education for the high schools of Franklin and Adams Counties, Penna. Their home is in Gettysburg, Pa. The children of Richard and Janie Lighter are:
- Nancy Holdcraft. Born April 19, 1933. Married Rev. Ralph Frederick Eberle, Jr., Dec. 12, 1953. Ralph is a Lutheran minister.
 - Susan Naomi. Born Dec. 6, 1935.
 - Molly Estelle. Born June 26, 1938.
- (9) JOSEPH HENRY. Born July 12, 1909. Graduate, Frederick High School. Married Mary Isobel Six, Registered Nurse, 1937. Mary's parents: Samuel Milton and Frances Garber Six, of near Union Bridge, Md.
- Joseph was, successively, a private, corporal, and 1st sergeant of Hq. Co., 1st Inf., M. N. G., 1928-1941; commissioned 2nd Lt., Inf., Feb. 1941 and called to active duty; transferred to Air Corps Nov. 1941 and became 1st Lt., Captain, and Major. Foreign service May 1944 to Oct. 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Trinidad, and Puerto Rico; relieved from active duty April 1946. Since Jan. 1950 he has been a member of Co. A., 115th Inf., Md. N. G.
- Since 1937 Joseph has been a rural delivery mail carrier out of the Frederick post office, with time out for military service. The children of Joseph and Mary Six Holdcraft are:
- James Patrick. Born Dec. 29, 1937. Died Jan. 13, 1939.
 - Patricia Ann. Born Jan. 12, 1940.
 - Mary Margaret. Born Dec. 17, 1943.
 - Richard Lee. Born Dec. 6, 1944.

Chapter III

THE MEHRLINGS

The first Mehrling to arrive in America so far as we have information was Hans George Mehrling, who landed from the ship Halifax, Oct. 22, 1754. What relation he sustained to our family is not clear, but there are good reasons for believing he was an uncle, or great uncle of Valentine von Mehrling.

Valentine von Mehrling
GG Grandfather of P. E. H.

The first Mehrling of our family connection of whom we can at this time be positive was Valentine von Mehrling, who was born in the Rhineland in 1777 and died in Ostheim, Germany, in 1861. Church records indicate that the Mehrlings had been residents there as early as 1786. By trade Valentine was a glazenmeister, or glazier. To whom he was married is not known to us, but there were nine children. The parents and six of the nine children remained in Germany and died there. They have been described by correspondents as "substantial people, store-keepers, business men, and farmers."

Three of Valentine's sons and their families came to America in 1846-1848. (Old family records indicate 1848, but a passport of one, now in possession of J. Mehrling Holdcraft, indicates 1846. It is possible all did not come at the same time. Among other substantial German families who came to Frederick at about the same time were the Seegers, Woerners, Heinleins, etc.

The three Mehrling brothers who came to America, 1846-1848, were: Johannes George, Johannes Ludwig, and Johannes Nicholas Mehrling.

JOHANNES GEORGE MEHRLING. Born Oct. 19, 1801. Died in Frederick, Md., May 7, 1861. He was the Holdcraft ancestor and more will be said of him and his family in the next sketch.

JOHANNES LUDWIG MEHRLING. Born Aug. 13, 1815. Died in Frederick, Jan. 19, 1893. In Germany he had married a third cousin, Anna Elizabeth von Mehrling, on June 9, 1837. Anna's parents were Johannes Peter and Anna Maria von Mehrling. The father died in 1820 and the mother Dec. 11, 1845. Anna died Nov. 13, 1890. Johannes Ludwig and Anna Elizabeth Mehrling had ten children:

1. Henry. Born in Germany, Oct. 28, 1839. Died Oct. 14, 1911. He was a union soldier in the Civil War. He married Mary E. Adam.
2. August. Born at Frankfort, Germany, May 4, 1842. Died Aug. 26, 1912. He, too, was a union soldier in the Civil War. He married Mary C. Dreher and had: William (married Carrie Loyns); Carrie (married William Anderson); Charles (married Nelle Rigdon). Four other children died in childhood.
3. John. Born July 2, 1844. Died Oct. 16, 1844.
4. Peter. Born Oct. 15, 1845. Died Oct. 16, 1846.
5. George. Born April 10, 1847. Died Dec. 26, 1920. Married Mary Catherine Kimmel. Children: Agnes (married Harry Wilhide), died Mar. 1, 1950, aged 72y-9m-4d; Dora (married Edgar Betson), died August 31, 1942, aged 60 years.
6. Anna Margaret Elizabeth. Born Sept. 3, 1850. Died April 23, 1918.
7. Conrad. Born Sept. 14, 1852. Died July 14, 1853.
8. Philopena. Born May 16, 1855. Died May 19, 1926. Married Frank Crouse.
9. Anna Maria Margaret. Born April 9, 1856. Died Feb. 26, 1936. She kept a little store on E. Patrick Street, next to the hosiery.
10. Lewis William. Born Mar. 21, 1862. Died Apr. 8, 1933. Married Estelle Whitmore (Jan. 18, 1867-Nov. 16, 1932). They had two children who died in infancy. "Cousin Lewis" conducted a fine grocery on E. Patrick St., between East and Wisner Sts. (P. E. H. was his errand boy around 1900 - 1902.)

THE MEHRLINGS--continued

JOHANN NICHOLAS MEHRLING. Born June 22, 1829. Died June 19, 1869 in Julietta, Marion County, Indiana. Nicholas seems not to have tarried long in Frederick before moving on into the interior. He married Elizabeth Hoffman and had three children: 1. Henry, 2. Mary (Mrs. Howard Darner), and 3. Maggie (Mrs. _____ Fenner).

JOHANNES GEORGE and ANNE MARGRETHA (Forter) MEHRLING
G Grandparents of P. E. H.

Johannes George Mehrling was one of the three brothers referred to in the preceding section. He was born in Ostheim, Germany, Oct. 19, 1801, and died in Frederick, Md., May 7, 1861. Before coming to America he had married Anna Margretha Forter. She was born May 14, 1804, and died Mar. 1, 1866.

Upon settling in Frederick in 1846 (or 1848) they bought a large brick dwelling on West Patrick Street, beyond the bridge. Under one side of the house was a large brick arch over a driveway that led to the rear yard. Here Johannes George, with the aid of his sons, conducted his meat business. He seems also to have been a sawyer by trade and did some work along that line.

The children of Johannes George and Margretha Mehrling were:

- (1) Johannes George (Jr.), Born May 5, 1827. Died Oct. 28, 1911. He married Barbara Englebrecht, who was born in 1830 and died in 1902.
- (2) Margaret. Born Aug. 11, 1833. Died April 29, 1905. She married Christian Railing, son of Henry Railing. Their children were: Margaret (Mrs. Elmer Fritz); George; Edward; Elmer; Elsie (Mrs. Ernest Fox); and Wilford.
- (3) Johannes Caspar. Born June 1, 1834. Died Jan. 16, 1907. He became the Holdcraft ancestor. See next sketch.
- (4) Johannes Daniel. Born April 25, 1838.
- (5) John Conradt. Born Oct. 7, 1840. He was a sergeant in the Union Army in the Civil War, a member of the Potomac Home Brigade. He was killed in action May 27, 1862, in a battle at Front Royal, Va. He was the first Frederick soldier killed in the Civil War.
- (6) John. Born April 25, 1837. Died July 23, 1916. He married Susan Hane, who was born July 18, 1841, and died Oct. 21, 1897. Their children were Annie, Katie, Daniel, William, Lizzie, Harry, Minnie, Nellie and George. Daniel married Annie Estelle Railing, daughter of Adam and Louisa (Perry) Railing, and their son is Rev. Walter Daniel Mehrling, a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, now pastor at Adamstown, Md. John Mehrling's second wife was Miss Glovine Hamilton.
- (7) Marie Dorothea. Died in infancy. " " Born May 21, 1846.

JOHANNES CASPAR and MARGARET (Nickel) MEHRLING
Grandparents of P. E. H.

Johannes Caspar Mehrling was born in Ostheim, Germany, June 1, 1834, and died in Frederick, Jan. 16, 1907. Caspar learned the meat cutting trade from his father and followed it for many years. Later he gave his full attention to farming. He had a large apple orchard with a cider press, and did quite a large vinegar business, supplying Frederick stores and private homes.

Johannes Caspar Mehrling married Margaret Ann Elizabeth Nickel Feb. 15, 1854. A daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ragan) Nickel, she was born Dec. 20, 1835, and died April 13, 1894. The Caspar Mehrling farm was on the northern outskirts of Frederick, beginning at Eighth Street and running north to the rail road crossing; in an easterly direction the farm extended again to the rail road tracks, and there was some acreage beyond the tracks. On the north the farm joined the land of his father-in-law, Jacob Nickel, which is now known as "The Odd Fellows' Farm" because the Odd Fellows' Home is built upon it.

On a Frederick County topographical survey map dated 1873 the outlines of the farm are shown with the name "K. Marland" imprinted in the center. The name, of course, means "Caspar Mehrling" and was mis-spelled by the map maker. The old farm house, built about 1836-1837 is now surrounded by suburban homes and itself has a street number--1216 N. Market St. In the rear a small brick house still stands where slaves were quartered. After Grandfather's slaves were freed by the Civil War they remained with the family on a voluntary basis. For more about the old homestead see pages 3, 4, 5.

The Mehrlings were members of the Reformed Church but in anticipation of marriage Grandfather transferred his membership to the Lutheran Church on Jan. 1, 1854. His bride-to-be was a Lutheran, as were all the Nickels.

The children of Johannes Caspar and Margaret Nickel Mehrling were:

- (1) Jacob Nickel Mehrling. Born May 8, 1855; died Aug. 11, 1909. On Nov. 16, 1875 he married Lydia Ann Jordon, who was born Oct. 8, 1857 and died Apr. 9, 1941. Her father was Edward Jordon, a native of Ireland, and her mother was named Martha, a French-Canadian. Aunt Lydia married secondly, George C. Spies, who died Aug. 14, 1929, aged 73. Uncle Jacob Mehrling, like his ancestors, was a meat cutter and through most of his adult life lived in South Baltimore, where the family was raised. The children of Jacob N. and Lydia A. Mehrling were:--
 1. Margaret Ellen. Born Oct. 4, 1876; died Nov. 9, 1951. Married Joseph Harmon Bredekamp, who was born Sept. 16, 1870 and died Mar. 28, 1939. The Bredekamp children were:
 - Joseph Harman. Born Oct. 5, 1899. Married Anna Louise Wicker, Nov. 20, 1920. Anna was born May 26, 1900. Their son, Warren Calvin, was born Apr. 10, 1926, and married Edna Catherine Kartcher July 28, 1947. The latter was born July 19, 1925. To this couple was born a daughter, Ellen Arlene, July 2, 1948. Joseph H. and Anna Louise Bredekamp also have a daughter, Arlene May, who was born May 25, 1934, and married John Jolly Grauer July 1, 1950. John was born Dec. 30, 1928.
 - Helen May. Born Sept. 12, 1903. Married Irvin Horace Albert, who was born Nov. 29, 1900. Their daughter, Carolyn Gertrude, was born Mar. 28, 1929, and married Walter Carl Frederick Dominick, who was born Mar. 30, 1928. Their son, Stephen Raymond, was born May 13, 1952.
 2. Jacob Caspar. Born Oct. 1, 1878; died Mar. 14, 1952. He married Lillie East, who died in 1906. They had two daughters: Gladys E., who married _____ Roemer, and Doris, who married _____ Hanks. Jacob's second wife was Margaret Huber.
 3. Joseph Nickel. Born Dec. 8, 1880; died Oct. 16, 1927. He married Elizabeth Crispens. Children: Joseph Nickel, born Feb. 1900; Jacob Irvin, born 1904; Veal O., born 1908. Both sons are deceased.
 4. Caspar G. Edwin. Born June 18, 1883; died Apr. 24, 1928. He married Henrietta Strobel, now deceased. No children.
 5. May Martha. Born Feb. 22, 1886. Married, 1. John Raymond Taylor, who died _____, 2. Samuel A. Glorioso. By her first marriage there were two children--Lydia May, born Feb. 21, 1908, and married George Schwarz, and has two sons, John Louis and Robert Leo. The other Taylor child was Flora Rae, born June 19, 1912, and died Aug. 26, 1916. By May's second marriage, Samuel A. Glorioso, Jr., was born Nov. 2, 1922. He married Eleanor Curley, and they have a son, Samuel A., III, born Sept. 16, 1951.
 6. Ella Naomi. Born Nov. 8, 1888. Married, 1. Albert Boesch, who died Sept. 21, 1922, and 2. David Ralph Gemmill, also deceased. To Ella and Albert Boesch were born two children, Donald M. and Naomi K. The latter was born Aug. 3, 1910 and died Oct. 16, 1910. Donald M. Boesch married Teresa H. Michlum on May 14, 1937. Their three children are: Teresa H., born June 29, 1939; Donald M., born Jan. 7, 1941, and Michael M., born Nov. 27, 1944.

(Children of Jacob N. and Lydia A. Mehrling, continued)

7. Ruth Evelyn. Born April 27, 1892. Married Harry A. Rausch, who was born Dec. 10, 1892. Their daughter, Ruth Evelyn, was born June 1, 1915. The daughter married Bernard F. Hofmann and they have a daughter, Patricia Ann, who was born May 17, 1942.
8. Frank Grover. Born Oct. 9, 1894. He married 1. Rachel Peregoy, and 2. Elizabeth Murry. No children.
9. Calvin Elmer. Born Aug. 1, 1898; died Aug. 28, 1936. Calvin married Marie Wachsmuth. Marie is now married to Joseph E. Ruppert.

We now continue with the children of Johannes Caspar and Margaret Nickel Mehrling, the grandparents of P. E. H.

- (2) Fannie Elizabeth. Born Sept. 21, 1858; died Sept. 27, 1858.
- (3) Charles Luther. Born Nov. 13, 1859; died Oct. 6, 1863.
- (4) Ella Cornelia (Mother of P. E. H.). Born Nov. 4, 1863; died Apr. 12, 1935. She married John H. Holdcraft. See pages 3, 4, 5.
- (5) Rev. Maurice Caspar. Born Sept. 24, 1868; died Sept. 13, 1890. Unmarried. He was educated in the old Frederick Academy and became a minister of the M. E. Church, South, in 1888. He served appointments in Va. and W. Va., as follows: Brucetown Circuit, 1888-89; Berryville Circuit, 1889-90. In 1890 he was assigned to New Castle. Enroute to his new field of labor by horse and buggy he was overtaken by a storm and was drenched. He became ill and died as a consequence. A memoir of his career may be found in the 1891 minutes of the Balto. Annual Conf. of the M. E. Church, South.
- (6) Carrie Virginia. Born Jan. 13, 1875; died Aug. 13, 1875.

Grandmother Margaret Nickel Mehrling died Apr. 13, 1894. Grandfather married, secondly, Betty Victoria Eyler (born Oct. 1, 1875; died Sept. 18, 1909). By the second marriage there were two children:

1. Annie Mary. Born Feb. 27, 1896. She married Albert Currie Scrimger on June 2, 1917. Albert was born Mar. 22, 1891. Their children are:
 - Albert Mehrling Scrimger. Born Aug. 29, 1918. Married Sept. 26, 1942 to Madalene Buhl, who was born Feb. 23, 1923. They have two children, Madalene Anne, born Oct. 9, 1943, and Albert Mehrling Scrimger, Jr., born July 16, 1951.
 - Edith Anna Scrimger. Born Jan. 26, 1922. Married Albert Milton Sprague Aug. 14, 1942. He was born Sept. 20, 1913. They have a daughter, Suzanne Edith, born June 13, 1947.
2. Lawrence Caspar. Born Sept. 1, 1897. Married Hazel Foglo, who was born April 15, 1898; died April 16, 1951. Their children are--
 - Pauline Naomi. Born Jan. 20, 1917. Married Marlin Shriner.
 - Lola May Irene. Born Jan. 23, 1922; died July 29, 1922.
 Lawrence married, secondly, on July 9, 1952, Elizabeth Zeigler House, who was born Aug. 5, 1915. Elizabeth's first husband, O. M. House, was killed in action in World War II. Their son, Kenneth House, was born July 25, 1945.

Johannes Caspar Mehrling died Jan. 16, 1907, and was buried beside his first wife in the family plot, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.

Betty Eyler Mehrling married, secondly, Charles E. Schroyer (born 1885; died 1941). Betty died Sept. 18, 1909.

For more information about Grandmother Margaret Nickel Mehrling, turn to the chapter on the Nickel family. (Chapter IV.)

IV

THE NICKELS

JOHN ADAM and ANNE ELIZABETH (Von Stouder) NICKEL
GG Grandparents of P. E. H.

John Adam Nickel, Sr., was born Sept. 22, 1781 and died Jan. 17, 1864. He married Anne Elizabeth von Stouder, who was born Mar. 5, 1793, and died Nov. 23, 1833. They were natives of Hirschberg, Bavaria, along the river Rhine. Coming to America in 1821, they settled in Frederick, on West Patrick Street, where they conducted a florist business, with greenhouses adjoining their residence.

Their children, as listed in the prayer book of Peter, one of their sons, were as follows:

1. JACOB. Holdcraft ancestor. See next sketch.
2. JOHN ADAM, JR. Born Jan. 20, 1813. Died . He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church on Good Friday, 1829.
3. DANIEL. Born Sept. 30, 1818. Confirmed Good Friday, 1833. Died 1856. He was a Captain in the U. S. Army in the Mexican War. He married Carrie Chestnut (of the Judge Calvin Chestnut family).
4. ELIZABETH. Born Mar. 2, 1820. Married John Hert, Dec. 1848.
5. LOUISA. Born July 17, 1821, on the high seas enroute to America. On June 7, 1838 she married Christopher Woerner, who was born Oct. 4, 1814 and died Mar. 7, 1891, aged 76y, 4m, 21d. He was a blacksmith who had his shop on the east side of S. Market St., just across the bridge. Aunt Louise died Jan. 19, 1910. P. E. H. remembers her well. She was very brusque, but big hearted. At age 88 she boasted of having all her teeth.
6. PETER. Born Jan. 27, 1824.
7. FREDERICK. Born Aug. 17, 1825.
8. CATHERINE. Born Dec. 7, 1827; died Jan. 4, 1918. She married James McKinsey, who is said to have been the first post master ever appointed by Lincoln after taking office (probably Elkton, Md.) Catherine, with Mrs. Emma Ewing, who founded the School of Domestic Science of Chautauqua, wrote two standard cook books that were widely acclaimed in her generation. This information came from her obituary in the Frederick News.
Catherine and James McKinsey were the parents of Folger McKinsey, the "Bentztown Bard." He was editor of the Frederick News, 1886-1898; Managing Editor of the Baltimore News and Washington Post, 1898-1906; Columnist of the Baltimore Sun, 1906-1950. He was born Aug. 29, 1866 and died July 22, 1950. He wrote thousands of poems, including a book of poetry. His column in the Morning Sun always carried at the top a little quatrain by Carlotta Perry:
"It was only a glad 'Good Morning!'
As she passed along the way,
But it spread the morning's glory
Over the live-long day."
9. ANNA MARY. Born Oct. 4, 1829. Died Sept. 24, 1832.
10. GEORGE LEWIS. Born Mar. 5, 1831.

THE SUNSET HILLS OF FREDERICK

The sunset hills of Frederick---I see them in my dream,
 The valleys of the velvet bloom and of the winding stream;
 The ridges of Catoctin, sweet in the twilight west,
 And at their feet the happy town where hearts of dreaming rest:

The sunset hills of Frederick,
 Ah, glow, dear dream, again,
 As to and fro my way I go,
 Mid other times and men!

I hear young voices laughing where dancers in the night
 Swing to the tune of silvery June far up on Braddock's Height;
 Far down the dream twon sparkles, the June time stars are sweet,
 And love is in the moonlight spell, with moonbeams 'neath her feet:

The sunset hills of Frederick,
 They call, and I am there,
 Wild as of old in June time's gold
 Of hill and stream and air!

By the Bentztown Bard
 (Folger McKinsey)

Note: Folger McKinsey's mother, Catherine Nickel McKinsey,
 was a sister to Jacob Nickel, g-grandfather of P. E. H.
 See page 14.

JACOB and ELIZABETH (Ragan) NICKEL
G Grandparents of P. E. H.

Jacob Nickel was born in Germany Nov. 24, 1810, and was brought by his parents to America in 1821. See preceding sketch. He died in Frederick, Nov. 24, 1878. He married Elizabeth (Betsy) Ragan, daughter of a Frederick tobacconist, May 22, 1832. Betsy was born Oct. 10, 1810, and died Oct. 17, 1895. (Another death date has been given as Oct. 9, 1895.) Betsy's grandfather was a Revolutionary War soldier named George Shaner; her mother was before marriage Elizabeth Shaner. She died Aug. 13, 1821.

Jacob Nickel purchased a farm north of Frederick which is now called the "Odd Fellows Farm" because upon it is located the Odd Fellows' Home. The old homestead, modernized in later years, stood just across the highway. Here Jacob Nickel divided his time between farming and butchering, but found time for active participation in the work of the Frederick Lutheran Church. He is listed as having served as Sunday School Superintendent. For a short time Jacob conducted a meat business in Middletown, Md.

The children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ragan) Nickel were as follows:

1. Jacob Ragan. Born Oct. 10, 1834; died Jan. 7, 1835.
2. Margaret Ann Elizabeth. Holdcraft ancestor. She was born Dec. 20, 1835, and died April 13, 1894. She married Caspar Mehrling. See pages 11-14.
3. Rev. Adam Luther Nickel. Born July 30, 1840; died July 7, 1916. He became a Methodist Protestant minister and lived many years in the vicinity of Uniontown, Pa. He married Cornelia Schroyer, who was born Oct. 7, 1843, and died Oct. 14, 1906. In the early 1900's the family returned to Frederick and erected several dwellings on E. Church St., near the old toll gate. They affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church and Uncle Luther organized several missions, one in the old Bentztown Tavern, and the other on Winchester Street. He preached in each every Sunday and accepted no pay. The Winchester Street Mission was taken over later by the Episcopaleans and it is now known as St. Barnabas' Chapel.

The children of Uncle Luther and Aunt Nolie Nickel were:

1. Charles Ragan. Born Feb. 14, 1865; died July 16, 1866.
 2. Rev. John Maurice. Born Feb. 6, 1867. Methodist minister in Ohio. Died at age 55. Oscar died 1949
 3. Oscar Luther. Born Sept. 10, 1871. / Married Mollie Gleason.
 4. Nathan Owen. Died July 10, 1870, aged 14 months.
 5. Naomi Cornelia. Born Jan. 16, 1878; died Aug. 4, 1945. She married Harry Krepps, of Yellow Springs, Aug. 10, 1910, and had one son, Guilford.
4. Martha Susan. Born 1843; died Feb. 3, 1879, aged 35y, 2m, 5d. She married Charles E. Feaga Nov. 18, 1862.
 5. Frances Woerner. Born 1847; died 1915. She married Milton A. Woodward Sept. 19, 1865. He owned the business property on N. E. corner of Market and Patrick Streets. This he sold and engaged in a small grocery business on W. Patrick St. He was a Frederick politician. Aunt Fannie was an ardent church worker, and took great interest in the Salvation Army.
Their children were:
 1. Emma. Married Jacob Englebrecht. One son, Albert. Married Hazel
 2. Elmer. Spanish-American War Veteran. (Oland.)
 3. Nettie. Married Harry Weaver, Coatesville, Pa. Two children: David, and Miriam, who married a Baptist minister.
 4. Milton
 6. Mary Ellen.
 7. Laura Virginia. Married _____ Poole.

Chapter V

THE RAMSBURGS

There are many Ramsburg families in Frederick County, but practically all of them trace their ancestry to Stephen, John, or George. John and George were nephews of Stephen and came to America about 1750. Their descendants seem to have spelled their names Remsburg, and most of them settled in the Middletown Valley.

The Holdcrafts are descended from Stephen, who was born in Lorraine, Germany, in 1711. The family name appears on old church records in Lorraine dating back as far as 800 A.D. When Stephen Ramsburg came to America is not known, but a Stephen Ramsburg was a taxpayer in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1719. It is thought the latter was the father of the former. If true, this would date the family's arrival in America between 1711 and 1719.

JOSEPH BRUNNER

GGGG Grandfather of P. E. H.

Joseph Brunner lived in Schiefferstadt, Germany. No dates are available, and his wife's name is not known. His daughter Anna Catherine, married Stephen Ramsburg. The family probably came to America when Anna Catherine was quite young. The Brunners were among the earliest settlers of Frederick County.

CAPT. STEPHEN and ANNA (Brunner) RAMSBURG

GGG Grandparents of P. E. H.

Stephen Ramsburg, born in Germany in 1711, came to Frederick County, Md., presumably via Lancaster County, Pa., in 1732. He married Anna Catherine Brunner, whose parents came from Schiefferstadt, Germany. Prior to 1745 Stephen was a Captain of Militia which had been organized for protection against the Indians. He became a leading citizen of Frederick and owned considerable property, as his will reveals. Stephen was active in church work. In 1748 he was one of the trustees of the Reformed Church, just organized, and his name appears on the ancient deed. In 1761 Stephen Ramsburg and Jacob Shower purchased a plot of ground, in the name of the church, on the s. e. corner of Market and Church streets, where Kemp Hall now stands, for the purpose of erecting a parsonage for Rev. Philip Wilhelm Otterbein, their pastor, who married Susan LeRoy April 19, 1762. In 1764, still under the pastorate of Mr. Otterbein, the trustees erected a stone church building, portions of which still stand, and which is known as "The Town Clock Church." The steeple and clock, however, were later additions.

Stephen Ramsburg died March 7, 1789. To Stephen and Anna were born at least seven children, one of whom was Jacob, our ancestor.

JACOB and ANN (Devilbiss) RAMSBURG

GG Grandparents of P. E. H.

Jacob Ramsburg, son of Stephen and Anna Brunner Ramsburg, was born in 1744 and died April 10, 1826. He married Ann Elizabeth Devilbiss (Deibelbiss) on June 27, 1769. She may have been his second wife. Ann was born Dec. 4, 1753, and died _____. They established their home in the Bethel Church section and led in the erection of a log school house, which also served the community as a church. It was called "Ramsburg's School House." In 1838 a union church, of native stone, was built on the site. For more about Bethel Church see page 2 of this brochure. Jacob and Ann Devilbiss Ramsburg had eleven children, one of whom was Catherine, a Holdcraft ancestor. See next sketch.

GEORGE and CATHERINE (Ramsburg) DUTROW
G Grandparents of P. E. H.

Catherine Ramsburg, daughter of Jacob and Ann, was born May 5, 1790. She died Nov. 11, 1861. Her first marriage was to a Mr. Hardy, who died during the War of 1812 of spotted fever. She had two children by Hardy, named Caspar and Ann. She married, secondly, George Dutrow on Feb. 5, 1824, and had five more children, one of whom was Catherine Ann Sophia, grandmother of P. E. H.

For more about George and Catherine Dutrow, turn to Chapter VI.

Chapter VI

THE DUTROWS

"When the French invaded Germany in the long series of wars around 1700, they relentlessly persecuted the Protestants and put to death or exiled many thousands of them. Other thousands sold their possessions and fled to England or Holland, from whence many of them went to that haven for the oppressed recently opened up by William Penn. Almost daily ships arrived in Germantown from Dutch or English ports. Queen Anne herself aided thousands to emigrate to America. This first great wave of immigration gave us several ancestors, the Dutrows, the Brunners, the Ramsburgs, and Devilbisses. The second wave around the time of the Napoleonic wars brought the Nickels, and the last, caused by the German Revolution, brought the Mehrlings." (Quoted from J. Mehrling Holdcraft's "The Holdcraft Family.")

GEORGE PHILIP and VERONICA DUTROW GGGGGG Grandparents of P. E. H.

We shall call his name Dutrow, but the Penna. Historical Society gives thirty-seven variations of the spelling--Dutrow, Duddera, Duttera, Tottera, Etc. In some instances brothers spelled their names differently.

George Philip Dutrow was born in Europe between 1660 and 1670, the exact date is not known. An old biography states he died in Frederick Township, now Montgomery County, Pa., Nov. 6, 1741, "at an advanced age." That he came to America at about 1700 is indicated by the known fact that his first child, Michael, was born in Europe in May, 1698, while his second child and all the rest were born in America. Heironimus, the second son, was born in 1701. George Philip's wife was named Veronica. Her maiden name is unknown. She died at the same place her husband died, Oct. 20, 1752. Old land records indicate they bought land around Philadelphia Dec. 22, 1722, and Feb. 3, 1725. They were staunch members of the Reformed Church and the husband was the lay-leader of Falkner Swamp Reformed Church, and later as elder of the Skippack congregation. The known children of George Philip and Veronica Dutrow were:

1. Michael. Born 1698 in Europe.
2. Heironimus. Born 1701 (?) in America.
3. Barbara. Born 1704 (?).
4. Bernard. Born 1706 (?).
5. Anna Elizabeth. Born Dec. 25, 1709.
6. Conrad. Born Sept. 1712. (Holdcraft ancestor.)

CONRAD (Sr.) and MAGDALENE (Schweitzer) DUTROW GGGGG Grandparents of P. E. H.

Conrad (Sr.) was born in Sept., 1712. He married Magdalene Schweitzer in Jan., 1732. Conrad's death date is not known, but his wife died in Jan. 1801. Their children were: Jacob, Catharine, Conrad (Jr.), Christiana, Christian, Susanna, John, Elizabeth, Abraham and Magdalena. Jacob was born about 1733, and Conrad in 1738. These two, and possibly others, together with their acquired families, removed into what is now the Littlestown section of Adams County, Pa., and into the Unionville and Lewistown sections of Frederick county, Md., probably between 1750 and 1760.

JACOB DUTROW /or/ CONRAD DUTROW, Jr. GGGG Grandfather of P. E. H.

At this time there is confusion over our ancestor of this generation, but the best data available indicates he was Jacob, son of Conrad, Sr., and his wife Magdalene. There is a possibility, however, he was Conrad, Jr.

GEORGE B. and CATHERINE DUTROW

GGG Grandparents of P. E. H.

This George B. Dutrow was a son either of Jacob or Conrad, Jr. See page 18. Little is known of this couple other than that their son Conrad married Susanna Sulzer. It may be pertinent that in the first census of Frederick County, 1790, a George Dutrow was listed as a family head.

CONRAD and SUSANNA (Sulzer) DUTROW

GG Grandparents of P. E. H.

Conrad was the third child of George B. and Catherine Dutrow, and was born Sept. 21, 1776. He married Susanna Sulzer (marriage license spells it Soolser). They were married Jan. 21, 1799. Susanna was born Mar. 8, 1779. This couple had eleven children. One was Sophia, born Sept. 23, 1803, and married Henry Creager; another was Catherine, who married a Stimmell; another was in later life known as "Aunt Becky" (probably Rebecca). The one other child of whom we have record was George, our ancestor, who was born Aug. 25, 1801. See next sketch.

GEORGE and CATHERINE (Ramsburg) DUTROW

G Grandparents of P. E. H.

George Dutrow, son of Conrad and Susanna, was born Aug. 25, 1801. He married Catherine Ramsburg Hardy, a widow. License dated Feb. 5, 1824. See page 17. The children of this couple were:

- (1) Lewis Frederick. Born Oct. 2, 1824; died June 13, 1825.
- (2) James Lewis. Born Nov. 27, 1826; died 1875. Had seven children, one of whom was Clinton J., who had a son named Dr. Howard V., a specialist in eye, ear, nose, and throat diseases.
- (3) John Rufus. Born Oct. 22, 1828; died July 29, 1910, at McGaheysville, Va. He married Christiana Mann. Eleven children.
- (4) Catherine Ann Elizabeth. Born Feb. 27, 1831; died Nov. 19, 1833 from burns.
- (5) Catherine Ann Sophia. Grandmother of P. E. H. See Chapter I for data.

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George Dutrow's first wife, Catherine, died Nov. 11, 1861, and he married, secondly, Margaret C. Harper (license dated Oct. 13, 1870). Margaret was the daughter of William and Matilda (Bitzenberger) Harper. Children by this second marriage of George Dutrow were:

- (1) Charles Howard. Married Lora Decker and had a daughter named Thelma, who married a Hildebrand.
- (2) Roberta. Married George W. Salter, July 1, 1896.
- (3) Martha Clementine. Born July 30, 1871. She married, 1. Lemuel Babington, Jan. 1891, and 2. William Quinn. Her children by her marriage to Lemuel Babington were:
 1. Elanche May. Born Oct. 18, 1891. Married Roy Fogle in 1910.
 2. Ethel. Born May 6, 1893. Married, 1. Clarence Hoffman, 2. Ernest Young.
 3. Ida Grace. Born Dec. 10, 1894. Married Elmer Stup. Three children.
 4. George H. Born May 28, 1897. Married Margaret Springs, now deceased. They had a daughter.
 5. Mary. Born Sept. 28, 1899. Married, 1. Nicholas Yinger, and had one child, 2. _____ Daugherty.
 6. Herman. Born May 20, 1902. Married Rhoda Somers, who died 1952. One son.
 7. Walter. Born Apr. 20, 1905. Married Mary Swomley. Three daughters.

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George Dutrow died Sept. 3, 1877, and is buried at Bethel Church beside his first wife, Catherine. Margaret Harper Dutrow married, secondly, Sylvester Moss and had six children by that marriage. She died May 2, 1936, and was buried at Pleasant Hill.

CATHERINE ANN SOPHIA DUTROW HOLDCRAFT

Grandmother of P. E. H.

She married James Patrick Holdcraft. See her sketch in Chapter I.

Chapter VII

THE POWELLS

(Note: John H. Holdcraft's two sisters, Anna and Susan, married two brothers, Milton and Edward Powell. See pages 2, 3, 21, 22.)

WILLIAM AND PHOEBE (Burkett) POWELL

William Powell was born Dec. 24 (or 25) 1791, and died Feb. 16, 1870. He married Phoebe Burkett, who was born Mar. 1, 1798, and died June 23, 1863. Both are buried in the Utica cemetery. Their children were:

- (1) William M. Born Oct. 11, 1819; died Apr. 23, 1859.
- (2) George H. Born 1828; died Jan. 9, 1892. His wife's first name was Martha.
- (3) Lewis J. Born Jan. 29, 1831; died Jan. 9, 1895. Married Hannah Gough.
- (4) Albert L. Born Nov. 9, 1834; died Sept. 29, 1906. He married Lavina Shaffer, who was born Mar. 21, 1838, and died May 3, 1915.

ALBERT L. and LAVINA (Shaffer) POWELL

Their children, not listed in the order of their birth,
were as follows:

- (1) Milton Livingstone. Born Feb. 10, 1859; died Nov. 3, 1928. He married Rose Ann Catherine Holdcraft. See page 21.
- (2) James K. Died 1943. Married Sadie Meisinger, who died July 18, 1942.
- (3) Florence. Married Lycurgus Flanagan.
- (4) Rebecca Catherine. Married Frank Bartholow.
- (5) Mary. Married Wilson Finneyfrock.
- (6) Minnie. (Twin to Rosa) Married William Engle. A son is Melvin Engle, a Frederick merchant.
- (7) Rosa Bello. Married John Rice. She died Dec. 1, 1953. She was a twin to Minnie. Two sons: Lynwood and Ellsworth. Ellsworth married Mildred Masser.
- (8) Edward Hammond. Born Jan. 3, 1867; died May 26, 1911. He married Susan Mary Holdcraft. See page 22.
- (9) Dennis. Married Cora Thompson Oct. 17, 1894.
- (10) Amanda Virginia. Died July 20, 1874, aged 1 year, 7 months, 20 days.
- (11) Phoebe Alice. Died Nov. 1863, aged 1 year, 7 days.
- (12) Lethia Minerva. Died Feb. 13, 1923, aged 62 years, 3 months, 10 days. She married John Late and had four children: Bessie Van Horn, Bruce, Carrie, and Maurice.
- (13) Clara Ann Matilda. Born Jan. 13, 1872; died July 21, 1908. She married Samuel Stambaugh, who was born Aug. 26, 1862 and died Mar. 26, 1941. Their children were:
 - Minnie Belle (Smith). Born Feb. 16, 1888.
 - Harvey Luther. Born Jan. 16, 1889.
 - Cora May (Fisher). Born Feb. 8, 1891.
 - Anna Grace (Duble). Born Aug. 13, 1894.
 - Nettie Viola (Dinterman). Born Jan. 8, 1896.
 - Clarence Powell. Born April 18, 1900.
 - Clara Edith Lavina (Sovocool). Born Aug. 23, 1907.

MILTON L. and ANNA (Holdcraft) POWELL
Their Children and Grandchildren

MILTON LIVINGSTONE POWELL was born Feb. 10, 1859 and died Nov. 3, 1928. He married Rose Ann Catherine Holdcraft Aug. 23, 1889. Both are buried in the Lewistown cemetery. For his ancestry, see page 20.

ROSE ANN CATHERINE (Holdcraft) POWELL was born May 19, 1868, and died March 17, 1950. For her ancestral background see chapters on the Holdcrafts, Ramsburgs, and Dutrows.

The children of Milton and Anna Powell, and grandchildren, are:

- (1) Charles. Born Dec. 12, 1896. Died in infancy.
- (2) Albert Milton. Born Nov. 23, 1897. He has for many years been Superintendent of Maryland State Fish Hatcheries. He married Mary Katherine Kelly (born Mar. 3, 1903), daughter of John and Lillie (Bowers) Kelly.
 1. Dr. Albert Milton Powell, Jr. Born Mar. 9, 1925. Doctor of Medicine in Frederick. Married Louellen Vrahiotes June 8, 1948. Their children are:
 1. Michael Albert. Born Feb. 25, 1951.
 2. Mary Lynn. Born Feb. 24, 1952.
 3. Gregory Harry. Born Jan. 22, 1954.
 2. Mary Virginia Roberts (Taylor) Kelly (Reared from infancy by Albert and Mary Kelly Powell. She was born January 27, 1924. She married, 1. Earl O'Brien and had one child, Patricia; 2. Ernest Ziegler, and had two more children, Dianna and Kathryn Virginia.
- (3) Naomi Ruth. Born Aug. 17, 1903. She married Harry Clifford Kelly April 5, 1927. Clifford is a brother to Albert's wife, and was born April 5, 1907. He is in the poultry business. During World War II he served 22 months in the U. S. Navy as a yeoman (Personnel).

The children of Naomi Ruth (Powell) Kelly and H. Clifford Kelly:

 1. Barbara Lee. Born Aug. 5, 1929. Married James David Kline, Nov. 23, 1950. Barbara is organist of Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, Frederick.
 2. Bernard Eugene. Born Oct. 10, 1930. Lieutenant, j.g., U. S. Coast Guard 1951-1953. Married Betty Louise Bachtell, Aug. 8, 1953. He is in the poultry business with his father.
 3. John Clark. Born June 16, 1935.

EDWARD H. and SUSAN (Holdcraft) POWELL
Their Children and Grandchildren

EDWARD HAMMOND POWELL was born Jan. 3, 1867 and died May 26, 1911. He married Susan Mary Holdcraft Oct. 30, 1895. Both are buried in the Lewistown cemetery. For Edward's ancestry, see page 20.

SUSAN MARY (Holdcraft) POWELL was born Feb. 12, 1870 and died Sept. 3, 1933. For her ancestral background see chapters on the Holdcrafts, Ramsburgs, and Dutrows.

The children and grandchildren of Edward and Susan Powell are:

- (1) Luther Kuhlman. Born Aug. 7, 1896. In World War I he served as a corporal in the 214th Engineers Corps, U. S. Army. Married Ellen Leona Stull April 3, 1923. She is the daughter of Thomas Michael and Minnie Florence (Smith) Stull. The children of Luther and Leona Powell are:
 1. Raymond Thomas. Born Jan. 30, 1924. Married Ruth E. Geasey, Oct. 7, 1950. Volunteered for army service Feb. 9, 1943 and served in the 124th Inf., 30th Div.; was in the invasion of Germany and a number of major World War II battles; received a citation; discharged Nov. 1945 with rank of sergeant.
 2. Harold Edward. Born June 8, 1925. Married Thelma Grushon, July 12, 1946. Harold Edward was a pfc in the Army Air Force Sept. 9, 1943 to April 1946. Children: Janet Elaine, born Jan. 12, 1949, and Sandra Jean, born July 2, 1953.
 3. Mehrl Luther. Born Oct. 4, 1926. Enlisted in U. S. Army April 1944; trained at Penna. Military College, Chester, Pa.; spent one year as a typist in Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters in Japan; discharged Oct. 1946 with rank of sergeant.
- (2) Clarence Raymond. Born Mar. 31, 1898. In U. S. Army, World War I. Died in Emergency Hospital, Chester, Pa., Oct. 10, 1918.
- (3) Lavina Catherine. Born Sept. 7, 1900. Married George William Green, Jan. 17, 1921. George is the son of Charles Eli and Laura (Zimmerman) Green. The children of Lavina and George Green are:
 1. Charles Edward. Born Sept. 2, 1923. In World War II, Feb. 1943 to Nov. 1945; sergeant; in the invasion of Germany and participated in many major battles.
 2. Marlin Spencer. Born Dec. 27, 1925. Entered armed forces Sept. 1945; served with Air Force in Germany; discharged Feb. 1947; corporal. Marlin married Gloria Ruth Long, July 2, 1949. Their children are Eric Stephen, born Aug. 9, 1951, and Randell Eugene, born May 3, 1954.
 3. Vada Maxine. Born Sept. 13, 1932. On Oct. 17, 1953 she married Basil C. Lewis, Jr., who was born July 4, 1923.
 4. Susan Elaine. Born Feb. 2, 1937.
- (4) Alton Parker. Born Feb. 6, 1904. Married Marie Lohr, daughter of Henry Clayton and Catherine Maria (Mort) Lohr. Their children are:
 1. Alton Clay. Born Dec. 14, 1929. Served nearly four years in U. S. Army; stationed at Guam; discharged in 1952.
 2. Kenneth Hamilton. Born April 27, 1935.
- (5) Charles Edward. Born Oct. 8, 1909. In World War II, 33 months, most of the time in France. Married Mary Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Curtis. Their son is
 1. Charles Edward, Jr., born Sept. 30, 1946.

Chapter VIII

ERRATA AND ADDENDA, HOLDCRAFT FAMILY

(For similar data on the McDonald Family, see page 41)

- Page 2. The old stone Bethel Church is now the parish house of the Bethel Lutheran congregation.
- Page 7. James Henry Mackley married Dorothy M. Dibert, June 5, 1954.
- Page 8. The date of death of Robert Mehrling Holdcraft should read Sept. 6, 1925.
- Page 11. Marie Dorothea Mehrling was born May 21, 1846.
- Page 11. Johannes George Mehrling, Jr., and wife, Barbara, had a son named George who was born April 17, 1857 and died Sept. 29, 1872.
- Page 11. Margaret and Elmer Fritz had a daughter named Virginia, who married George Lewis and had two children, Margaret and George, Jr.
- Page 11. Elmer Railing was born 1878 and died Sept. 3, 1937. He married Margaret Crebbs. No children.
- Page 11. Elsie Railing Fox died Oct. 21, 1947. Ernest Fox died July, 1954.
- Page 11. Wilford Railing married Daisie _____. Sons: Ned, and Wilford, Jr.
- Page 14. Daniel Nickel was born Sept. 31, 1818.
- Page 14. Christopher Woerner, Oct. 4, 1814, birthdate.
- Page 15. Rev. and Mrs. Luther Nickel were married April 10, 1860, by Rev. Geo. Diehl. They lived for some years at Braddock, which was then known as Fairview.
- Page 15. Charles Ragan Nickel was the first child of the above named.
- Page 15. Oscar Luther Nickel died in 1949.
- Page 15. Emma Woodward Englebrecht's son, Albert, married Hazel Oland.
- Page 15. Nettie Woodward married Harry Weaver.
- Page 15. Milton A. Woodward and "Aunt Fannie" also had a son, Milton Woodward, Jr.
- Page 16. More about the Brunners:--
 Jacob Brunner, son of Joseph, preceded the rest of the family to America, arriving on the ship "Morton" Aug. 24, 1728. He came to prepare the way for the rest of the family, who arrived Sept. 15, 1729, on the ship "Allen." In the group were the father (Joseph), two brothers, John and Henry; two sisters, Ann Barbara and Catherine. It is possible there was a younger brother named Elias. Ann Barbara was married to Christian Getzendanner, who was with the party. Later Catherine married Stephen Ramsburg. The Brunners purchased 1,000 acres of land just west of Carroll Creek.
- Page 16. Stephen Ramsburg was born Oct. 11, 1711.

Chapter VIII

ERRATA AND ADDENDA, HOLDCRAFT FAMILY

(For similar data on the McDonald Family, see page 41)

- Page 2. James Patrick (McCabe) Holdcraft's service in Cole's Cavalry is listed in a book to be found in the Md. Room of the Pratt Library, and other libraries, titled, "Cole's Cavalry," by Williver, Jarrett and Vernon. Grandfather was in Co. D. had 250 men when organized, of whom 2/3 were killed, wounded, or taken prisoner.
- Page 2. The Bethel Church and/or Schoolhouse is now the Parish Hall of the nearby Lutheran Church.
- Page 5. The reason Grandfather Mehrling took Grandmother to Barbara Frietchie's house was this:- before Barbara's death Dec. 18, 1862 she was cared for by Mrs. Harriett Yoner, a practical nurse. In appreciation, Barbara willed Mrs. Yoner the house for as long as she cared to use it. Mrs. Yoner was to have served as mid-wife for Grandmother, presumably in the Mehrling home, but when the orchard was over-run with soldiers Grandmother was taken to the Yoner (Frietchie) home instead, and Ella Cornelia Mehrling (Holdcraft) was born there on Nov. 4, 1863. (See Md. Hist. Soc. magazine for September and December of 1942 for the Barbara Frietchie story, by D.M. and W.R. Quynn.
- Page 6. John Maurice Holdcraft died June 16, 1958. Interment, Mt. Olivet, Frederick.
- Page 6. Mary Williams Holdcraft's birth year should be 1890.
- Page 6. Westminster Theological Seminary was relocated on the campus of American University, Washington, in 1958, and was re-named, Wesley Theol. Sem.
- Page 6, (Near bottom of page) Make it read "over 500,000 to 1965."
- Page 7. Mrs. Daisy Brittingham Farlow died Aug. 23, 1962.
- Page 7. Lloyd Calvin Mackley died Aug. 6, 1957.
- Page 7. Naomi Ellen Mackley married Mervin L. Green, Feb. 21, 1957.
- Page 7. James Henry Mackley married Dorothy M. Dibert June 5, 1954.
Their children are: Charles Michael, born Oct. 20, 1955; Ruth Marie, born Jan. 14, 1958; Sara Kathryn, born April 3, 1962.
- Page 8. Children of John Charles Holdcraft and Edith Bassford Holdcraft are:
Charlene Ann, born Sept. 16, 1955; Kenneth Robert, born Dec. 13, 1958.
- Page 8. Roger Lee Holdcraft died April 8, 1960. Interment in Mt. Olivet, Frederick.
- Page 9. Lorenzo Carlton Lighter died Dec. 20, 1956. He was born Apr. 15, 1874.
Ida Estelle Lighter was born April 28, 1876; died Sept. 9, 1958.
- Page 9. Children of Rev. Ralph Frederick Eberly and Nancy Holdcraft (Lighter) Eberle are: Ralph Frederick, III., born Jan. 27, 1956;
; Polly Jane, born July 14, 1957;
Molly Sue, born Feb. 5, 1962.
- Page 9. Susan Naomi Lighter married Rev. Ellis Uriah Shaffer, Aug. 25, 1956.
Children: Daniel Ellis, born Mar. 12, 1958; Lisa Lighter, born Sept. 6, 1960; Andrew Richard, born Sept. 8, 1961.
- Page 9. Molly Estelle Lighter married William Calvin Haus, Aug. 13, 1960.
Children: Amy Susan, born Nov. 26, 1962; Mark William, born July 17, 1964.
- Page 9. Samuel Milton Six died Sept. 19, 1936. Frances Garber Six died May 29, 1962.
- Page 8. Mary Catherine Cramer married Charles Wesley Taylor, Jr., Dec. 12, 1964.

Page 9. Joseph Henry Holdcraft retired from military service in Jan., 1956, after 27 years in the Md, Nat'l Guard, U. S. Army Reserve, and Regular Army Service. Co. A, Frederick, presented him with a signet ring, other gifts, and a citation. See the Private to Major story on page 9.

Page 9. Patricia Ann Holdcraft married Richard E. Palmer Sept. 10, 1960. Richard's parents: Cyrus Upton Palmer (b May 11, 1898); Beulah Jeanette (Summers) Palmer (b Apr. 23, 1901).

Born to Patricia and Richard Palmer, Patrick Richard, Nov. 22, 1963.

Page 9. Mary Margaret Holdcraft married Ruben E. Marquina, son of Luis E. and Rosa (Rodriguez) Marquina.

Born to Mary Margaret and Ruben Marquina, Jeffrey Lee, Aug. 21, 1962.

Page 11. Johannes George Mehrling, Jr., and wife Barbara had a son named George who was born April 17, 1857, and died Sept. 29, 1872.

They had also a son named John Jacob, b Dec. 19, 1859, d Sept. 9, 1932. He married Nettie Bell (of Adam). Their children were:

1. George Perry. (Funkstown)
2. Barbara, b Jan. 9, 1896. Married _____ Simmers.
3. Kate. Married Leroy Boone.

Page 11. Margaret Railing Fritz and Elmer Fritz had a daughter named Virginia, who married George Lewis and had two children, Margaret and George, Jr.

Page 11. Elmer Railing was born 1878, died Sept. 3, 1937. He married Margaret _____.

Page 11. Wilford Franklin Railing died Jan. 16, 1958, and was survived by his widow, who was Mary Craig. They lived in Westminster, Md.

Page 11. Elsie Railing Fox died Oct. 21, 1947. Ernest Fox died July, 1954.

Page 11. John Conradt Mehrling enlisted Aug. 31, 1861 in the Union Army, Co. I, 1st Md, Regt., Potomac Home Brigade, Walter Saunders, Captain. He was the first Frederick County soldier killed in the war, May 27, 1862.

Page 11.

John Mehrling, whose middle name, if any, we do not have, was born before his brother, Johannes Daniel, and therefore should be positioned as number four of that group of children. A few other corrections and additions are to be noted. Death date should be July 22, 1916. Susan Hane Mehrling died Oct. 20, 1897. Their son Daniel (3-15-1866—6-15-1955) married Annie Estelle Railing, daughter of Adam and Louise (Perry) Railing. Their son is Rev. Walter Daniel Mehrling, army chaplain, author, minister of United Church of Christ.

Lizzie (b 12/28/1873—d 7/3/1956). William (b 3/15/1868—d 4/14/1930) married Belle Ford (b 9/15/1869—d 6/21/1923). Minnie married _____ McLane. She died 8/5/1957, and is buried in Mt. Olivet. George (b 1886 - d 1939).

John Mehrling's second wife was Miss Glovine Hamilton.

Page 12. Anna Louise (Wicker) Bredekamp died Nov. 21, 1955.

Page 12. The children of Arlene May (Bredekamp) Grauer and John Jolly Grauer:

1. Craig John, b 3/7/1955.
2. Scott William. b 3/7/1957.
3. Ann Helen, b 7/26/1958.
4. Mark Joseph, b 6/29/1960.

Page 12. A re-write of the family of Jacob Caspar Mehrling, son of Jacob Nickel Mehrling and Lydia Jordon Mehrling: He was born 10/1/1878; d 3/14/1952. His first marriage was to Lillie East, who died in 1906. Their daughter, Gladys E., married James Roemer, now deceased. Gladys was born 2/28/ 1901, and died 4/7/1964.

Jacob Caspar Mehrling married, secondly, Margaret Huber, who died 4/7/1964. To Jacob Caspar and Margaret Huber Mehrling was born a daughter, Doris, Feb. 25, 1911.

Doris married, first, Roy Hanks (b 9/17/1898).

Children by this marriage:

—William R. Hanks (b 4/6/1941). Married Betty Jo Romans (b 5/3/1941).

Children: Bobby Lee (b 10/3/1961); Lawrence R. (b 2/1/1964).

—Christina Nancy Hanks (b 7/15/1942); Married David Lee Bryant, who was born 12/12/1940.

Doris Mehrling Hanks married, secondly, George Francis Edwards, who was born Mar. 7, 1907. Died June, 1961.

Doris Mehrling (Hanks) Edwards married, thirdly, Donald E. Westley, who was born Sept. 27, 1906.

Page 12. Correction. Name should read Martha May Mehrling, not May Martha.

John Raymond Taylor died October, 1917.

Correction. Lydia May Taylor married Louis Leo Schwarz, Jr., not George.

Their children are:

—John Louis, born Aug. 25, 1931. Married to Marjorie Ann Fidelman. They have two sons: John Louis, Jr., born Nov. 17, 1956; and James Edward, born Aug. 28, 1959.

—Robert Leo, born Jan. 28, 1937.

Page 12. Samuel Angelo Glorioso, Jr., married Eleanor Curley. They have two sons:

—Samuel Angelo, III., born Sept. 16, 1951.

—Bryan Lee, born July 23, 1956.

Page 12. Elizabeth Crispens Mehrling married, secondly, William J. Hoopes, who died Oct. 15, 1964.

Page 12. Teresa H. Boesch, daughter of Donald M. and Teresa Michlum Boesch, married Kenneth R. Jones of East Greenwich, R. I., May 30, 1959. They have two daughters: Michele Boesch Jones, born Jan. 11, 1962, and Tisha Ann Jones, born June 25, 1963.

Page 12. Donald M. Boesch, Jr., was married May 30, 1963 to Geraldine M. L. Willet, of East Greenwich, R. I.

Michael M. Boesch is presently a student in the Univ. of R. I.

Page 13. Bernard F. Hofman died Nov. 25, 1963.

Patricia Ann Hofman was married to Robert Anthony Ebert. Their daughter, Donna Louise, was born June 6, 1963.

Page 13. Frank Grover Mehrling died Mar. 23, 1955.

Elizabeth Murray Mehrling died March 1, 1955.

Page 13. Albert Currie Scrimger was for many years the landscape gardener for the famed airplane manufacturer, Glenn L. Martin. When Mr. Martin died, 12/4/1955 he left Albert \$1,000 in appreciation of faithful service and friendship.

Page 13. Lawrence Caspar Mehrling died Dec. 21, 1956.

The statement that O. M. House died in World War II seems to be incorrect.

Page 13. Lawrence Mehrling's second wife, Elizabeth, died June 11, 1964.

Page 14. The baptismal records of the Lutheran Church, Frederick, give the birthdate of Frederick Nickel as Aug. 22, 1825.

Page 15. The marriage of Rev. Adam Luther Nickel to Cornelia Schroyer - Apr. 10, 1860.

Page 15. The last pastorate of Rev. John Maurice Nickel seems to have been at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vine and 21st Streets, Kansas City, Mo.

Page 15. Harry Krepps died May 6, 1957.

Page 15. THE WOODWARDS.

Frances Woerner Nickel ("Aunt Fannie") was born in 1847, and died 1915. She married Milton A. Woodward, Sr., on Sept. 19, 1865. He was born 1842; died 1923. He owned the building which stood on the north-east corner of Market & Patrick streets and operated a grocery store on the Market street side. He rented the corner to a druggist, and a store room around the corner to Rosenstock's Clothing Store. He sold the building to C. Thomas Kemp, who built the present structure. Uncle Milt then opened a store on W. Patrick St., south side, at "the bend." Later, he moved his store to the north side, "at the bend." The older Holdcraft boys remember Uncle Milt's famous roasted peanuts at the Market street store - all you could eat for a penny. Uncle Milt was a distinguished looking man who was very proud of his long side-burn whiskers. He was a politician of sorts, and ran unsuccessfully for mayor on several occasions. Aunt Fannie was a woman of unfeigned piety, and looked the part. She was an ardent church worker and did much to help the Salvation Army in Frederick.

The children of Frances Nickel Woodward and Milton A. Woodward, Sr., were:

—J. J. Woodward, born 1867, died 1868. (Inscription on tombstone.)

—Nettie May Woodward, born 1870; died 1915. Married David Henry Weaver Nov. 17, 1891.

David Henry Weaver was born 1868; died 1946. The Weaver children:—

—Miriam Agnes, born 1892, Married Rev. Millard O. Peirce, 1916. Their children: Ruth Willa, b 1918, d 1918; Millard, Jr., b 1920; David Albert, born 1923, died 1923; Miriam Jayne, b 1929. Millard Peirce, Jr., married Ruth Martin, and their children are Pennëy Lee, b 1949; Paula Lane, b 1952. Miriam Jayne married H. Thomas Kramer, and their children are Patricia June, b 1954; Jill Anne and Pamela Jay, b 1958 (twins).

—David Woodward Weaver, b 1895; d 1960.

—Henry Everett Weaver, b 1907; d 1958. Married Elizabeth Mallalieu. Their three daughters are Betty Jane, Patricia, and Barbara. Betty has two children, Cynthia and Lauren. Patricia has two children, Vincent and Leslie.

Betty Jane married John H. Grafton, who was born 1927; Patricia married Joseph A. Catanese, who was born 1931; Barbara married Thomas N. Edwards, who was born 1937.

—Emma Woodward was born 1872, May 17. She died July 1, 1947. She married Jacob Engelbrecht. Their son Albert Henry, b Aug. 19, 1896; d Nov. 19, 1959. Albert married Hazel Ruth Oland, b May 1, 1896. No children.

—Elmer. Information unavailable. Spanish-American War Vet. Had two daughters, Ethel and Lillian. Wife's first name was Mollie.

—Milton A. Woodward, Jr., b 6-27-1879; d 10-20-1956. He married Anna Diem, who was born Feb. 2, 1881. Milton, Jr., spent his adult life in the steel industry. He was active in church and fraternal circles. Possessed of considerable vocal talent, he sang in church choirs and other choral groups.

—Clarence Woodward, b 1882; died in infancy.

Page 15. THE WOODWARDS (Continued)

On a plaque inside a grandfather clock owned by the late Milton A. Woodward, Jr., is a tracing of the Woodward family by generations from the first known. The clock is a reproduction and was made by the Rev. H. E. Miller, D.D., a retired United Brethren minister of Lebanon, Pa., on order of Milton A. Woodward, Jr.

The numbers refer to the generation:

1. Robert Woodward came from England in 1687 and settled in Thornbury Township, Chester County, Pa.
2. Richard.
3. John.
4. Nayle.
5. Caleb.
6. John, Sr. (Went to Frederick to assist Leonard Harbaugh build the Jug Bridge over the Monocacy River. Harbaugh was the contractor and the tradition is that John Woodward, Sr., was in charge of the construction. PEH)
7. John, Jr.
8. Milton A. Woodward, Sr.
9. Milton A. Woodward, Jr. (Last of the family to bear the Woodward name.)

Page 15. Mary Ellen Nickel. No data available.

Page 15. Laura Virginia Nickel. Born May 31, 1854. Married _____ Poole.

Page 16. More about the Brunners:

Christian Thomas was born about 1655. He died 2/24/1708, at Schifferstadt, Germany. His wife's name was Anna Margaretha. One of their five children was named Catherine, born in 1680.

Catherine married Joseph Brunner 11/23/1700. They had a daughter named Anna Catherine, another was Ann Barbara, sons Jacob, John, and Henry. There may have been another son named Elias. Jacob seems to have preceded the rest of the family to America, arriving on the ship "Morton" Aug. 24, 1728. The rest of the family came on the ship "Allen" arriving Sept. 15, 1729.

Ann Barbara married Christian Getzendanner, who came across with the party. Later Catherine married Stephen Ramsburg. The Brunners bought 1,000 acres of land "just west of Carroll Creek" - Frederick.

Page 16. The date of Stephen Ramsburg's birth was Oct. 11, 1711.

Page 17. Catherine Ramsburg's first marriage was to Joseph Hardy, June 9, 1807.

Page 19. Dr. Howard V. Dutrow became a career U. S. Army doctor (Lieut. Col.) He died March 17, 1958. (Note: When Paul E. Holdcraft was 11 or 12 years old he was sent to "Cousin Howard" for treatment for a sore throat. Looking for a "guinea pig" the young doctor then and there took Paul's tonsils out, sitting on a chair, no anaesthetic, no other persons present, then went home alone to recuperate for an hour, back to work at the News office all within space of two hours from time he asked off. !!! ??? Tonsils had just been invented, it seems.)

Page 19. Roberta Salter died 11-22-1954, aged 80. Survivors: son, George E., and daughter, Mrs. George L. Rothenhoefer.

Page 19. William Quynn died 11-9-1954.

Page 19. Sylvester and Margaret Moss had six children: William, Samuel, Mrs. Warren Harley, George, Mrs. William Konder, and Harvey.

Page 19. Martha Clementine Quynn died April 29, 1958.

Page 21. Add: Children of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Milton Powell.

4. Elizabeth Ann. Born March 31, 1957.
5. Eric John. Born Nov. 21, 1962.

Page 21. Children of Barbara Lee (Kelly) Kline and James David Kline.

1. Andrea Lynn. Born Jan. 25, 1957.
2. Kelly David. Born Jan. 22, 1959.

Page 21. Children of Bernard Eugene and Betty Bachtell Kelly.

1. Kathryn Elizabeth. Born Oct. 22, 1955.
2. Brian Andrew. Born Nov. 15, 1956.
3. Erin Ann. Born May 27, 1958.
4. Timothy Patrick. Born Jan. 19, 1960.

Page 21. John Clark Kelly married Delores Ann Bachtell Oct. 10, 1959.

(Delores is a cousin of Bernard's wife.)

1. Lisa Ann. Born Aug. 2, 1961.

Page 22. Children of Raymond Thomas Powell and Ruth Geesey Powell:

- Laura Ellen, born Sept. 22, 1954.
- Dennis Michael, born April 8, 1957.

Page 22. Mehrl Luther Powell married A. Katherine Diller, May 6, 1955. She is the daughter of Casper and Alice Stitely Diller, of Libertytown, Md.

- Douglas Allen Powell, born July 22, 1957.

Page 22. Lavina Catherine Green died July 17, 1955.

Page 22. Charles Edward Green married Ruth Cordelia Shaff Nov. 20, 1954. She is the daughter of William Shaff and Stella Roberts Shaff, of Feagaville.

Page 22. Alton Clay Powell married Betty Florence Macgrau, Nov. 13, 1954. She was the daughter of James Edw. Macgrau (deceased) of Rocky Ridge, and Katherine Sharer Macgrau (now Mrs. Carrol Shorb of Thurmont).

- Carrol Alton Powell born Feb. 10, 1956.
- Ronald Clay Powell and Donald Allen, twins, born April 8, 1957.

Page 22. Betty Florence Macgrau Powell died Nov. 28, 1962.

Page 22. Alton Clay Powell married, secondly, Rose Marie Williar, Dec. 7, 1963. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Williar. They have an adopted daughter, Bonnie Susan Williar, born July 31, 1956.

Page 22. Kenneth Hamilton Powell married Helen Stup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stup. Two children: Pamela and Keith.

Page 22. Vada Maxine Lewis and Basil C. Lewis, Jr. are the parents of:

- David Robert, born Aug. 2, 1954.
- Susan Powell Lewis, born Jan. 9, 1956.

P A R T T W O



T H E M c D O N A L D F A M I L Y

Chapter IX

THE McDONALD ANCESTRY

In his book, "Surnames of Scotland," Dr. George F. Black states there are thirty-seven variations of the spelling of the name McDonald. Among those listed are MacDonald, McDonel, McDonnel, McDonnell, McDannel, McDonoll, McDonyll, Mackonald, Machonel, M'Donnyle, etc. The McDonalds of whom this is a treatise have used but a few of these variations, namely, McDonnel, McDannel, McDonnell.

ANGUS McDONALD (I). The earliest known ancestor from whom the Frederick County McDonalds feel they can definitely trace their lineage was Angus McDonald, who was born in the Scottish Highlands about the year 1700.

ANGUS McDONALD (II). Born in the Scottish Highlands in 1724 (or 1727) he was in the battle of Culloden during a war between England and Scotland. After the war he sailed for America, arriving at Falmouth, Va., in 1746. Moving into the interior, he soon established his love for his adopted country and became successively a captain, major, and lt. colonel in the Colonial Army. One of his assignments was to build a fort at Wheeling, W. Va. For his services as a soldier he was given a tract of 400 acres of land just east of Winchester, Va., which he named Glengarry, after a locality he loved in his native Scotland. Angus McDonald (II) married Ann Thompson and it is said there were at least seven children in the family. One of his sons was also named Angus (III), and a son of Angus (III) was named Angus William. Angus William was born in 1799, and graduated from West Point in the same class with Jefferson Davis, who later became president of the Confederate States of America. At the outbreak of the Civil War Angus William McDonald recruited and organized a regiment of Cavalry from the vicinity of Winchester and was commissioned a colonel. He was 62 at the time and badly afflicted with rheumatism. Because of his affliction he could not ride a horse at the head of his regiment, but had to be transported in a covered wagon. As the war progressed his afflictions increased and he had to turn his command over to Col. Ashby. Col. McDonald died in 1864.

We now go back to Angus McDonald (II). Family tradition is that back in colonial days he bought land in Frederick County, Md., upon which to settle one or more of his sons. Among the land records of Frederick County, Md., is a deed, a copy of which is in the possession of the writer through the courtesy of Miss Edith Miller, of Frederick, genealogist of the D. A. R. of Frederick. The deed is for several tracts of land totaling 796 acres, presumably in the Creagerstown district, and was conveyed to Angus McDonald, "Virginia Gentleman," from Cornelius Thompson, "Planter . . of the Dominion of Virginia," and the date on the deed is May 3, 1772. Since Angus McDonald married a Miss Thompson, it is possible this land was conveyed to him by his father-in-law, or other relative of his wife's.

Angus McDonald (II) held many offices in church and state, and was one of the founders of Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. and A. M., of Winchester. He died in 1778.

Since a descendent, Jacob McDonnell (McDonald) owned two farms about a half mile south of Creagerstown, where the Lewistown road crosses Hunting creek, it is a reasonable assumption that the acreage bought by Angus McDonald in 1771 was in this area. Incidentally, the area is the site of the old Monocacy Village, now non existent, but said by some historians to be the site of the first white settlement in Western Maryland, (about 1730).

Who of his sons Angus McDonald put in charge of his newly purchased land we do not know, but in the Revolutionary War there were four soldiers from Frederick County named McDonald. George and Robert McDonald were in Captain Philip Maroney's Co., another George McDonald was in Captain Valentine Creager's Co., and Jonathan McDonald was in Captain Jacob Good's Co. An Alexander McDonald's daughter Elizabeth married George Conrad Miller Aug. 8, 1789. Other marriage licenses for McDonalds were issued between 1778 and 1799 for Francis, George, James, Joseph and William McDonald. In the first census of heads of families, 1790, there were four McDonalds so listed: Jacob, James, Samuel, and Margaret. In the list of registered voters of 1796 there were two McDonalds: Francis and Jacob. Just which McDonald of this generation connects Angus (II) with Jacob, the g-grandfather of L. McD. H. is a matter of conjecture at this time.

JACOB and MARGARET (Groshon) McDONALD
G-Grandparents of L. McD. H.

About all the information we have of this generation of ancestors is told in chapter XIII, "The Groshons." This couple had at least two children: Jacob and Harriett. Harriet married a man named Baker:

JACOB (Jr.) and CATHERINE (Stimmel) McDONALD
Grandparents of L. McD. H.

Jacob McDonald (Jr.) was born Jan. 27, 1814 and died Oct. 30, 1885. An old topographical map of Frederick County, 1873, shows the location of his two farms in Creagerstown district, near the confluence of Hunting Creek with the Monocacy River. His name is imprinted on the map. He also owned several houses in Creagerstown and in his declining years lived in one of them. He was described by one who remembered him as "a man of sound judgment and keen insight, who assisted his neighbors with wills, deeds, and minor legal matters."

Jacob McDonnell (as he preferred to spell his name) married twice. His first wife was Catherine C. Stimmel (see history of the Stimmels). They were married (licensed) Jan. 17, 1843. Catherine was born Jan. 14, 1822, and died Oct. 29, 1854. Jacob and Catherine had four children:

- (1) JOSEPHINE. Born July 26, 1844; died Oct. 24, 1921. Her full name was Elizabeth Josephine. She married Hanson Thomas Jackson in 1863. The latter was born Mar. 6, 1835 and died Sept. 29, 1900. They had the following children:
1. Mary Katherine. Born June 4, 1865. Married Daniel P. Zimmerman.
 2. Hanson W. Born Dec. 27, 1866; died 1929. Married Ella Roser and had three children: Clyde, Marie, and Nettie.
 3. Carrie Elizabeth. Born Sept. 2, 1868; died Aug. 28, 1869.
 4. Anna Clara. Born Dec. 1, 1869; died Jan. 10, 1951. Married Charles Burdette.
 5. Carlton Vinson. Born Aug. 1, 1872. Married Trelie Fogle. They have three sons: Nevin, Morris, and John.

(Descendents of Jacob and Catherine Stimmel McDonald, continued)

We now continue with the Jackson children and grandchildren:

6. Clara V. Born July 26, 1876. Married John William Green.
Children: Mervin, Norma, Clyde, and Robert.
7. Roy. Born Jan. 3, 1883; died Dec. 31, 1883.
8. Algie Herman. Born Feb. 23, 1892. Married Mollie Oland.
9. Verdie. Born Feb. 23, 1892. Married Lester Long.
Children: Herman and Allen.

(2) ZERAH JANE. Born Nov. 19, 1848; died Sept. 26, 1869. She married George P. Wiles (license dated Feb. 21, 1867) and had a daughter named Mollie. George P. Wiles married, secondly, Hester Cline, of the vicinity of Shookstown, Oct. 6, 1870.

(3) JACOB VINCENT. Born Nov. 16, 1849; died Dec. 24, 1921. He married Clara Virginia Routzahn. See pages 26 - 29.

(4) JOHN PIERCE. Born May 27, 1852; died Nov. 25, 1854. This child is buried beside his mother in the Reformed Church cemetery, Woodsboro.

Catherine (Stimmel) McDonnell and her husband assisted her parents with the management and operation of the Central Hotel, Frederick, which they owned. It is said her untimely death was caused by the poisonous fumes of a green paint being used by painters in repainting the interior of the hotel. The illness it caused resulted in her death. She died Oct. 29, 1854.

Jacob McDonnell (McDonald) married, secondly, Mary A. Grinder, of Creagerstown, and returned to farming. His second wife was born Apr. 23, 1828, and died Aug. 27, 1898. Both are buried in the cemetery at Creagerstown. By this marriage (license issued Aug. 5, 1856) the following children were born:

1. Susan E. Born Nov. 5, 1857; died May 28, 1860.
2. Franklin. Born Feb. 13, 1860; died Aug. 19, 1862.
3. Chloe Flora. Born _____ Married M. Krise and settled in Indianapolis.

JACOB VINCENT and CLARA (Routzahn) McDONALD
Parents of L. McD. H.

JACOB VINCENT McDONALD (McDonnel) was the son of Jacob and Catherine Ann (Stimmel) McDonnel, and was born Nov. 16, 1849 on the family farm near Creagers-town, Frederick County, Md. His father spelled his name McDonnel, but young Jacob Vincent preferred the original spelling of the family name. It may be of interest to note that in the Genealogy of Scottish and Welsh Names, to be found in the Pratt Library, is a statement that the McDonald name has been spelled with thirty-seven variations.

At about the age of seventeen Jacob Vincent left home in search of adventure and enlisted in the U. S. Marines for one year, training in Washington and on the warship Niepsic. At the termination of his military service he went to Ohio where he spent a number of years, mostly in the vicinity of Dayton. Returning to Maryland, he married Clara Virginia Routzahn October 26, 1875. See the history of the Routzahn and Bowlus families, chapters XI and XII. The newlyweds went to Ohio to live, but remained only a few years. Two of their children, Cora and Albert, were born in Ohio. All of the other children were born on the family farm near Daysville, excepting Naomi, who was born in Frederick.

Returning to Frederick County, Jacob Vincent and wife purchased a farm near Daysville. While here they took an active part in the work of Mt. Vernon United Brethren Church. In the year 1894 the family removed to Frederick and resided for a number of years on W. Patrick St., extended, where Jacob V. engaged in the grocery business. In 1903 (?) they bought the home on East Eighth Street, extended, where they continued to reside until 1920 when they retired and moved into a home they purchased on East Fourth Street.

Jacob V. and Clara McDonald were intensely interested in church work and filled various positions of responsibility and leadership, first in the Mt. Vernon Church near Daysville, and later in the Frederick United Brethren Church. Regardless of weather conditions, the entire family walked the long distance to and from church morning and evening every Sunday, and the mid-week service as well.

For the ancestral background of Jacob Vincent McDonald see preceding sketch, also Chapter XIII.

For the descendants of Jacob V. and Clara Routzahn McDonald, see Chapter X.

Chapter X

THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF JACOB VINCENT McDONALD
and CLARA (ROUTZAHN) McDONALD

- (1) CORA MAY. Born July 29, 1876; died Sept. 28, 1895. Unmarried.
- (2) ALBERT CLETUS. Born Nov. 10, 1877; died Dec. 31, 1953. In his youth, Albert attained fame as a long distance bicycle rider and racer. He worked for the old McMurray Canning Co., and when it closed he went with other employees to Wisconsin, and later settled in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a draftsman, machinist, metallurgist, and joint-owner and manager of the Central Mfg. Co., of Kalamazoo.
- Albert married Josephine M. Altenhofen of Appleton, Wis., May 28, 1903. Her parents were Peter and Caroline (Tetzel) Altenhofen. She was born Mar. 16, 1884. Their children and families are:
- Corrine. Born Mar. 26, 1907. Married LeRoy G. Baugh (b 3/3/07).
Their children are:
1. Richard LeRoy. Born Mar. 16, 1926. Married Jean Evelyn Bitner, who was born July 28, 1928.
 - Marilyn Jean. Born Feb. 15, 1947.
 - Nancy Lee. Born Feb. 5, 1949.
 - Judith Ann. Born Mar. 24, 1951.
 2. Rita Marie. Born Jan. 24, 1933. Married Richard Fuhrman, who was born 9/8/29.
 - Linda Marie. Born Jan. 30, 1953.
 - Stephen Richard. Born Feb. 23, 1954.
- Evelyn. Born Apr. 7, 1913. Twin to Ethel. Married Francis Denner, who was born June 28, 1912. Their children are:
- Carolyn Jean. Born Jan. 1, 1934. Married LeMar Zink, who was born April 25, 1933.
 - Shirley. Born Oct. 24, 1936.
 - David. Born Jan. 24, 1941.
- Ethel. Born April 7, 1913. Twin to Evelyn. Married Francis Keller, who was born April 2, 1911.
- Robert Cletus. Born Feb. 15, 1939.
- Floyd.
Born Aug. 2, 1916; died May 9, 1917.
- (3) DAISIE ESTELLE. Born Jan. 27, 1881; died Oct. 26, 1950. Unmarried. Very active in church work; financial sec'y many years in Frederick United Brethren Church.
- (4) JENNIE MYRTLE. Born Nov. 5, 1883. Married 1. Rev. George W. Masser, and 2. Jesse T. K. Gladhill. Rev. Geo. W. Masser, a minister of the Churches of God, was born Feb. 1, 1879, and died Aug. 9, 1925. The Masser children and grandchildren are:
- Pearl Marie. Born Sept. 30, 1902. Married Harry Eugene Stup.
- Evelyn Marie. Born May 16, 1925. Graduate, Hood College. Married Donald M. Sullivan, minister's son. They have a daughter, Jennifer Marie, born Aug. 27, 1953.
 - Eugene Louis. Born Mar. 2, 1928. Married Carolee Marita Everhart. Two children: Marita Lynn, born Feb. 4, 1951, and Cristy Ann, born Jan. 4, 1954.

(Children of Geo. W. and Jennie McDonald Masser, continued)

Nellie Elizabeth. Born Nov. 10, 1903; died Jan. 8, 1904.
Leslie Albert. Born Oct. 15, 1904. Married Lillian May Whipp.
 --Richard Lee. Born May 3, 1926. Married Lottie Jane Delaughter.
 --Glenn Earl. Born Nov. 3, 1930. Married Mary Virginia Grimes.
 --Leslie Donald. Born June 23, 1935. /See page 41.
 --Lillian Jean. Born Mar. 1, 1946.
Mildred Myrtle. Born Mar. 17, 1908. Married Ellsworth D. L. Rice.
 --Thelma Gertrude. Born Oct. 16, 1926. Married Geo. C. Shafer.
 Thelma and Geo. are parents of Melvin Daniel, born June 14, 1948.
Bessie Virginia. Born Aug. 24, 1910. Married Roy M. Witmer.
 --Betty Virginia. Born Nov. 1, 1930; died Dec. 4, 1932.
 --Roy Wilmer. Born July 26, 1932. Married Melva Blank.
 --Lorraine Ruth. Born June 2, 1945. /See page 41.
 --Ronald Eugene. Born Jan. 17, 1947.
Naomi Ruth. Born Aug. 29, 1912. Married Albert E. Ropp.
 --Margaret Jennie. Born Nov. 5, 1929.
 --Alberta Jean. Born Oct. 14, 1938.
Roscoe Hoffmaster. Born June 8, 1914. Married Ruth C. Cline.
George Leon. Born Mar. 11, 1918. Married Gladys Gaver.
Robert McDonald. Born Oct. 20, 1921.

(We now continue with the children and grandchildren of Jacob V. and Clara Routzahn McDonald)

(5) MARY ELIZABETH. Born Oct. 30, 1885. Married Delmer Clay Streett May 21, 1906, and went immediately to Colorado. Delmer was born Dec. 28, 1880, the son of Thomas and Sarah Streett, of Harford County, Md. He was a master machinist, specializing in the machinery of the sugar beet industry. After several relocations the family settled in Worland, Wyoming. Delmer served as city councilman eight years prior to his death, which occurred Jan. 9, 1946. He also served as church treasurer a number of years. All the family were active in the Methodist Church.

The children of Delmer and Mary McDonald Streett are:

Clara Elizabeth. Born May 10, 1908, at Aztec, N. M. Married, 1. Jerry Basco Wortham, and 2. William A. Daniels. The Worthams had one son, Jerry Delmer, born Aug. 31, 1933, now studying for the Methodist ministry.
Donald Delmer. Born June 12, 1910, at Frederick, Md. Married Mary Gertrude Robertson. Their children are: Roberta Jean, born April 21, 1935; Donald Dee, born Sept. 18, 1936; and Carol Susan, born November 29, 1947 and died in infancy.

(6) BESSIE LEE. Born Aug. 22, 1887. Very active in Frederick U. B. Church; was Primary Dept. Supt. many years. Married James Nathan Dubel April 15, 1914. James, an electrical technician, is the son of the late Lawson Aaron and Rona Etta (Miller) Dubel, and was born Jan. 7, 1884.

The children of James N. and Bessie McDonald Dubel are:

James Robert. Born Feb. 3, 1917. Married Mary Lou Nelson, of American Falls, Idaho, Nov. 28, 1945. To them were born: Lawson Antone, Sept. 28, 1946, and Virginia Lee, Dec. 9, 1949. The latter died Oct. 6, 1950. Mary Lou (Nelson) Dubel was born June 18, 1928.
Mary Elizabeth. Born July 19, 1926.

(7) FLOYD ROUTZAHN. Born April 19, 1890; died July 9, 1896.

(8) LOLA GRACE. Born June 30, 1892. Married Paul E. Holdcraft Dec. 28, 1910.
See sketch in Chapter II.

(9) NAOMI RUTH. Born Aug. 29, 1895. Registered Nurse. Married, 1. Ira B. Rothenhoefer, Sept. 21, 1913, and 2, Richard H. Wallace, April 3, 1948. To Ira B. Rothenhoefer and Naomi McDonald Rothenhoefer was born a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, Oct. 21, 1914.

Dorothy Elizabeth Rothenhoefer married John Edgar Horner, Jr., Feb. 14, 1936. To them were born: Ann V. Horner, Mar. 8, 1937; Gene V. Horner, Jan. 5, 1939; and Jacklyn D. Horner, Jan. 3, 1941.

John Edgar Horner, Jr., was killed in an automobile accident Oct. 8, 1940. Dorothy married Harry Emery Henderson, Sr., Jan. 4, 1942. To the Hendersons were born: Nancy Marie, Nov. 3, 1942; Ruth Amanda, April 3, 1944; Harry Emery, Jr., Sept. 19, 1945; Betty Louise, Nov. 13, 1946; Donald Lee, Jan. 10, 1948; and Richard Alvin, Sept. 15, 1949.

Chapter XI

THE ROUTZAHNS

The first information available about the Routzahn family dates to about the close of the 14th century. They had an estate at Mainz (Mayence) on the Rhine which was called "Rahzahn." There are many variations in the spelling of the name--Routson, Rawsong, Rawzahn, Rauenzahn, Rauthzahn, etc.

Wolfgang Routzahn seems to have been the first Routzahn to arrive in America, landing at Philadelphia in 1727. His relationship to the Routzahns of the Middletown Valley is not clear, but there is some reason for thinking he was an uncle of Johann Ludwig Routzahn (Sr.)

JOHANN LUDWIG ROUTZAHN (Sr.)
GGG Grandfather of L. McD. H.

Johann Ludwig Routzahn (Sr.) landed in Philadelphia from the ship "Brothers" in charge of Capt. Muir, Aug. 28, 1750. There were 271 passengers on board, a large number for such ships as sailed the high seas at that time. He seems to have gone first to Lancaster County, Pa., which was a mecca for newly arrived German emigrants at that time. In 1755 he was a teamster with Braddock's army in its unsuccessful campaign against Fort Duquesne. In 1756 he was a resident of Littlestown, Pa. Littlestown at that time had such a colony of Germans that it was frequently called Germantown. It was a stepping stone for many Germans between Lancaster and Frederick County, Md., the Cumberland and Shenandoah Valleys. Johann Ludwig Routzahn then bought a farm of 500 acres near Ellerton, in the upper Middletown Valley. In addition to clearing this land for farming, the erection of the necessary farm buildings, and tilling the soil, he found some time to work at the trade of hat making, which he had learned in Germany. The name of his wife is not known to us, but one son, Johann Ludwig (Jr.) became the ancestor of L. McD. H.

JOHANN LUDWIG ROUTZAHN (Jr.)
and
ESTHER (Sheffer) ROUTZAHN
GG Grandparents of L. McD. H.

Johann Ludwig Routzahn (Jr.) was born Aug. 13, 1767 and died Aug. 15, 1856. He married Esther Sheffer, who was born Jan. 1, 1767, and died Mar. 8, 1815. Both are buried at Church Hill, near Ellerton. One of their children was John Jacob. He seems not to have made much use of his first name, and somehow came to be called Jacob L. Routzahn. However, an obituary in the Valley Register refers to him as "John Jacob of L. Routzahn."

JOHN JACOB (of L.) ROUTZAHN and CATHERINE (Floyd) ROUTZAHN
G Grandparents of L. McD. H.

John Jacob Routzahn was born Dec. 26, 1792 and died July 21, 1876. He married Catherine Floyd, who was born May 22, 1800, and died Feb. 9, 1873. Her parents were John Floyd (born Mar. 6, 1766, died Apr. 11, 1826), and Elizabeth (Bowlus) Floyd (born _____, died Dec. 19, 1846). The Floyds were among the earliest settlers of the Middletown Valley. Catherine Floyd Routzahn had a sister named Mary (Polly), who married Jacob Toms, Jr. The Toms family were stalwart members of the old Jerusalem Church (U. B.), which was relocated in Myersville in 1852. The children of John Jacob and Catherine Floyd Routzahn were:

(1) HEZEKIAH. He was born May 12, 1820, and died Feb. 16, 1891. He became the grandfather of L. McD. H. See separate sketch.

Children of John Jacob and Catherine Routzahn, continued.

- (2) MARGARET. Married Samuel Young.
- (3) LUDWICK. Born Oct. 21, 1824; died Dec. 28, 1900. Married Mary Marker, who died Nov. 1890. Their children were:
1. Nellie. Did not marry.
 2. Jacob (1865-1950). Married Mary E. Brandenburg.
 3. Charlotte ("Lottie"). Married Thaddaeus Hauver, a school teacher.
 4. Annie (died May 1900). Married Elmer Raymer.
 5. Martha. Twin to Elizabeth. Married J. Thomas Bittle. He died July 1954.
 6. Elizabeth. Twin to Martha. Married George Poffenberger.
 7. Mollie. Married Charles W. Harp.
- (4) ELIZABETH. Married Hon. Upton Buhrman, Myersville merchant and twice a member of Md. Legislature. His oratory did much to keep his community in sympathy with the Union during the Civil War. He had a brother, Alfred, who was a Lutheran minister. The Buhrman children were:
1. Charles. Married a Miss Raymer and lived in Baltimore.
 2. Florence. Married Rev. W. B. Evers, United Brethren minister. They had four children: Rev. John U., William A., Dr. Florence (doctor of medicine in Martinsburg), and Paul B. Rev. W. B. Evers was born in 1839 and died Nov. 9, 1920. In addition to pastoral work he taught music.
 3. Elizabeth Estelle. Married Charles Grossnickle, Myersville.
 4. Clayton. Married a Miss Harp and lived in Phila.
 5. Webster. 6. Harry (lived in Pittsburg).
 7. Edward (Kearneysville, W. Va.) 8. Mollie. Married Rev. Elmer Bittle.
- (5) LAWSON. Went west; died in Missouri.
- (6) ISAIAH. Died Nov. 1916, aged 80 y, 10 m. Never married.
- (7) CHARLOTTE. Married Sampson Kinna. Died April 21, 1868. A son, Charles Thomas, died Mar. 20, 1865, aged 2 y, 5 m, 16 d. Sampson Kinna remarried Dec. 6, 1870 to Mrs. Cornelia A. E. Boyer.
- (8) CAROLINE. Married John W. Johnson, a school teacher, who died of typhoid in 1858. Their son, Charles, a miller, married Amanda Wiseman and had six children.
- (9) CATHERINE. Born 1840, died 1931. Married Wm. Metzger Bittle Jan. 30, 1862. Mr. Bittle was born in 1841; died in 1928. Their children were:
1. Charles J. (Married Effie Brown; 2. John O. (married Elizabeth Cramer); 3. William Edward (married Fannie Toms); 4. D. Floyd (married Clara Wilos); 5. Lawson F. (married Lula Wachter); 6. Emory L. (married Bertha Summers); 7. Annie E. (married George Toms).

HEZEKIAH ROUTZAHN and ELIZABETH ANN (Bowlus) ROUTZAHN

Grandparents of L. McD. H.

Hezekiah Routzahn, son of John Jacob of L. and Catherine Floyd Routzahn, was born May 12, 1820, and died Feb. 16, 1891. He married Elizabeth Ann Bowlus, daughter of David and Sophia (Beckenbaugh) Bowlus. See Chapter XII. Elizabeth Ann was born Dec. 8, 1825, and died Oct. 11, 1905. She was educated in the old Patapsco Female Seminary, Ellicott City, Md. Both are buried in the old Methodist cemetery, Middletown. This couple purchased considerable acreage about a mile and a half n. w. of Middletown on the road leading to Myersville. Here they made brick on the premises, hewed timbers from their own woods, and erected the home where they spent all their married life, where their children were born, and where they died. Their children were:

- (1) MARIETTA FRANCES. Born Mar. 24, 1844; died Apr. 10, 1916. Unmarried.
- (2) DAVID HAMILTON. Born May 7, 1846. Died in infancy.
- (3) FLORENCE ELIZABETH. Born Oct. 8, 1848; died June 16, 1890. On Mar. 12, 1872 she married Cornelius Doub, who was born Apr. 28, 1845; died Jan. 9, 1906.

(Children of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Bowlus Routzahn, continued)

To Florence and Cornelius Doub were born:

1. Alvey. Born Dec. 28, 1872; died Dec. 1874.
2. Harlan. Born July 1876; died July 1878.
3. Lola Elizabeth (Bessie). Born Feb. 2, 1880. Married Victor Tilden Smith, June 20, 1906. They had two children: Florence Elizabeth, born Feb. 17, 1908; died in infancy; Claude Victor. Born Feb. 1, 1917. Claude married Mary Agnes Rimes, of Florida, Oct. 24, 1943.

(4) CLARA VIRGINIA. Born July 29, 1851; died Feb. 22, 1940. She married Jacob Vincent McDonald Oct. 26, 1875. Parents of L. McD. H. See pages 26 to 29.

(5) SOPHIA CATHERINE. Born Mar. 8, 1853; died May 17, 1911. Married Otho James Gaver, son of Joseph and Mary (Dutrow) Gaver, of Myersville. He was born Jan. 11, 1853 and died June 17, 1911. He was a farmer, liveryman, veterinarian, and sheriff of Frederick County. Their children were:

1. Sadie Estelle. Born Mar. 29, 1873. Married Newton Tobias Horine, who was born July 9, 1872; died Dec. 16, 1950. Their children:
 - Madeline Katherine. Born Feb. 24, 1902. Married Lewis A. Miller.
 - Dorothy Virginia. Born Sept. 20, 1903. Teacher and supervisor.
 - Gerald Francis. Born Aug. 20, 1905. Married Jane Virginia Evans, and they have a daughter, Jane Evans, born Feb. 26, 1940.
 - Robert Floyd. Born Mar. 14, 1907. Married Anne Victoria De Gasis, and they have a daughter, Judith Anne, born Apr. 21, 1941.

Madeline was educated at Drexel Institute, Phila., Dorothy was educated at Temple Univ., Univ. of Md., and Md. Institute. Gerald graduated from Washington and Lee Univ., and Robert attended Randolph Macon Military School.

2. Wade Victor. Born Oct. 22, 1876; died Nov. 22, 1881.

3. Virgie Gertrude. Born Dec. 26, 1879; died Sept. 27, 1925. She married Joseph Caldwell.

4. Floyd Frank. Born Sept. 3, 1881; died Aug. 20, 1933. He married Marie Fehrs. Their children are: Pauline Loeffler. Born July 6, 1913, and married George Barshinger; Karl Floyd. Born Aug. 13, 1916, and married Beatrice Barshinger.

5. Orma Katherine. Born Mar. 24, 1884; died Sept. 16, 1925.

(6) MARTHA ELLEN. Born Mar. 19, 1856; died Sept. 12, 1929. She married William Harlan Grossnickle, son of Peter Grossnickle of J. and Maria Bittle Grossnickle. He was born Feb. 23, 1854 and died Mar. 12, 1922. Their children and descendents are: Died June 28, 1954.

1. Harvey R. Born Apr. 29, 1880. / School teacher many years; farmer. Married Alta V. Harshman who was born Sept. 1, 1876. Their children are:

--Nelly C. Born Dec. 28, 1902. Married Grayson Doub, born Mar. 31, 1901. They are the parents of Howard G. (May 24, 1928); Anna Mae (May 20, 1932) and Gene L. (Aug. 19, 1935).

--Harold E. Born May 3, 1906. Married Elizabeth O. Reedy. They are the parents of Mary Lu (Oct. 9, 1943) and Dorothy Kay (Feb. 10, 1945).

--Joseph M. Born Sept. 16, 1918. Married Gloria M. Hoover, born Feb. 25, 1923. No children.

(Children of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Bowlus Routzahn, continued)

The Grossnickles, continued.

2. Vada Elizabeth Grossnickle. Born Nov. 22, 1886. Married Roy L. Leath-
erman, who was born Jan. 16, 1886. Their children are:
 --Donald Eugene. Born Feb. 2, 1912. Married Estelle Baumgardner,
 who was born Mar. 2, 1911. Their son, Stephen A., was born
 Feb. 14, 1943.
 --Adrian Bradley. Born Oct. 14, 1916. Married Dorothy Sinclair, who
 was born Mar. 20, 1917. They have two daughters: Adrianna Bee
 (Sept. 20, 1942) and Caroline Bradley (June 8, 1949).
3. Dr. Foster E. Grossnickle. Born Jan. 28, 1896. Married Blanch Dumas,
 of Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1922. She died May 15, 1946. Their
 son, William Foster, was born Mar. 19, 1930. He graduated from Duke
 Univ. 1951 and married Betty Depp, of Winston Salem, June 7, 1952.
 Foster E. holds Master's degree from Univ. of Penn. and Doctor of
 Philosophy degree from Columbia. He is professor of mathematics at
 State Teachers' College, Jersey City, N. J., and lectures regularly
 in America's leading universities. He is author or co-author of
 forty textbooks in the field of mathematics.

We now continue with the children of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Routzahn:

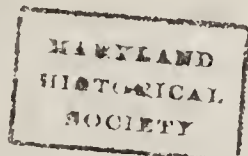
- (7) CHARLES EMERY. Born April 5, 1858; died April 4, 1918. He married Ida Mary
 Editha Long, who was born Nov. 23, 1861; died Aug. 6, 1942. Their child-
 ren and grandchildren are:
 1. Glenna May. Born Dec. 14, 1887. Married John Hedges Staley, who was
 born Apr. 16, 1887. Their children are--Ida Mary (7-28-1912),
 Helen Clara (10-28-1913), Paul Eugene (7-15-1915), John Hedges
 (2-7-1918), and Ira Bowlus (2-25-1932).
 2. Charles Oscar. Born Jan. 26, 1889. Married Erma Heffner. Their
 children are--Charles Oscar, Jr., James Edward, Elinor, William
 Stanley, Mary, John, Allan Riddell, Jane Lucille.
 3. Ralph Berkeley. Born Jan. 7, 1891. Married Clara Elizabeth Allison.
 Their children are Ida Mary and Betty Ann.
 4. Lola Marie. Born May 4, 1893; died Dec. 21, 1932. She married James
 Edward Harner. Children--Glenna Elizabeth and Ida Margaret Gene-
 vieve.
- (8) ANNIE ESTELLE. Born July 7, 1861; died July 17, 1927. She married Andrew
 Clay McBride June 3, 1884. He was born July 21, 1860; died Sept. 8, 1910.
 He was a farmer, school principal, sheriff of Frederick Co., and one of
 the organizers and the general manager of the Washington, Frederick, and
 Gettysburg R. R., later taken over by the Potomac Edison system. The
 children of Andrew Clay and Annie Routzahn McBride were:
 1. Brig. Gen. Allen C. Born June 30, 1885; died May 9, 1944. A gradu-
 ate of St. John's College, he became a career soldier and fought in
 two World Wars. At the outbreak of World War II he was made a
 Brigadier General and Chief of Staff of the Philippines outpost.
 With the fall of Bataan in April, 1942, he was taken prisoner and
 was in the infamous "Bataan Death March." Two years later he died
 of malnutrition in a Japanese prison camp on Formosa. He was awarde
 ed the Distinguished Service Medal. Allen married Mary Avis Hal-
 bert, of Geln Arm, Balto. County, Md., Oct. 23, 1911. Their child-
 ren are:
 - Avis Halbert. Married Clifton F. Barr. They have one child,
 Richard Currie.
 - Katherine Ford. Twin to Avis Halbert. Died at age of 10 months.
 - Andrew C. (Lieut. in U. S. Army.)
 - Susanne. Married M. P. Farnsworth, Jr. They have one child.

(Children of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Bowlus Routzahn, continued)

The McBrides, continued:

2. Edgar H. Born Mar. 24, 1888; died Feb. 23, 1934. Married Dorothy D. Filler. Edgar, a graduate of St. John's College, the Univ. of Md., and Harvard Univ, became a Rhodes Scholar and studied at Oxford Univ., Eng. During World War I he was an army major. In civilian life he was a prominent Frederick attorney, president of the Commercial State Bank, and an active churchman. There are no children.
3. Carrie Estelle. Born Oct. 23, 1886. Married M. Stanley Shafer, who was born Aug. 21, 1877, and died April 17, 1937. Their one child, Anna Loretta, was born April 29, 1911. She married Richard Edgar Snyder Mar. 4, 1940. He was born Oct. 9, 1911. Their children are: Richard Edgar, Jr. (3-15-1941); Cora Estelle (11-9-1942); Anna Rebecca (9-28-1946), and Allen McBride (2-15-1949) The latter died in infancy.

- (9) ALBERT BOWLUS ROUTZAHN. Born Oct. 27, 1863; died Oct. 23, 1932. He married Laura Ann Gaver, daughter of Tilghman and Latilda Gaver, of Middletown. She was born Feb. 6, 1865 and died Oct. 17, 1951. For twenty-five years prior to his death, Albert Routzahn was superintendent of Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick. Laura's father was a school teacher; her sister Lavinia taught school; and she had two brothers who were doctors of medicine. No children.



Chapter XII

THE BOWLUS FAMILY

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The Bowlus (Bowles, Baulus, Bowlass, Boulus, etc.) family were among the earliest settlers of the Middletown valley. Henry Baulus arrived from Germany in 1735 and seems to have been the patriarch of the clan. His grandson, Jacob Baulus (b Mar. 10, 1768, d Apr. 20, 1851) was very prominent in community and religious affairs at the turn of the 19th century. Jacob Baulus and his brother John, and Rev. Lawrence Everhart married sisters, Crate, Eva and Mary Beckenbaugh. Everhart was a famous Revolutionary War hero and after the war became both a Methodist and United Brethren preacher. It was not thought improper at that time for ministers who could speak both German and English to belong to both denominations (then called societies) at the same time. The United Brethren used the German language and the Methodists the English. Everhart attended United Brethren conferences and accepted assignments to fields. In 1806 he entertained the whole conference on his farm, his neighbors assisting.

Rev. Jacob Baulus began preaching at the age of 18, and was licensed in 1795, but his ordination did not take place until 1814. In 1801 he was the leading spirit in the erection of a union meeting house for both United Brethren and Methodists. The United Brethren preached in German on one Sunday and the Methodists in English the next Sunday. With the increasing popularity of the English language the younger members of the Bowlus family gradually gave their affiliation to the Methodist Church. Later, each denomination built its own house of worship. Rev. Jacob Baulus was a member of the famous organizing conference of the United Brethren held at the home of Peter Kemp, near Frederick, in September, 1800, when the denomination was officially launched. In 1805 he entertained the conference in his home, with his neighbors and fellow churchmen assisting. In 1822 he was sent by the United Brethren as a missionary to the "Black Swamp" region of Ohio, where his preaching resulted in the formation of many churches and the organization of Sandusky Conference. He died in Ohio, April 20, 1851. The Rev. Jacob Baulus was fifty-four years of age when he emigrated to Ohio. How many of his children had married before his departure and settled down in the Middletown Valley is not known.

The Rev. Valentine Baulus, either a brother or cousin of Jacob, born 1763, also became a United Brethren minister. He was licensed in 1802 and was ordained in 1817. He died in 1819.

DAVID and SOPHIA (Beckenbaugh) BOWLUS
G Grandparents of L. McD. H.

Our knowledge of the relationship of the Bowlus family with the McDonalds becomes specific with the names of David and Sophia Bowlus. David Bowlus, born 1790, died 1839, married Sophia A. Beckenbaugh. She died July 21, 1865, in her 65th year. The license for their marriage was issued Jan. 1, 1823.

David and Sophia Bowlus had the following children:

- (1) ASA. Born Oct. 10, 1823; died 1894. Married Sarah Shafer Feb. 28, 1850. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Shafer, and died at age 81. Asa and Sarah Bowlus were the parents of:
 1. Dr. Emory M. Dentist in Middletown. Died Jan. 6, 1901, aged 48.
 2. Sophia. Did not marry.
 3. Wilbur. Salesman. Lived in Baltimore.
 4. Dr. Edward L. Born 1872; died Dec. 31, 1941. Married Georgia Potter. A grad. of Johns Hopkins he became a Prof. of Biology; Clinical Pathologist, Women's Hosp., Baltimore; later at Danbury, Conn.

(Children of David and Sophia Bowlus, continued)

- (2) ELIZABETH ANN. Born Dec. 8, 1825; died 1905. Married Hezekiah Routzahn. They became the grandparents of L. McD. H. See pages 31 and 32.
- (3) NOAH. Born 1830; died Aug. 9, 1904. Did not marry. Lawyer. State Senator. Went to Ohio and entered the oil business.
- (4) DR. EDWARD. Born 1834; died Jan. 14, 1902. Married Mary Agatha Clagett April 1873. She was born 1853; died 1921. Upon graduating from Dickinson College in May, 1856, Edward Bowlus and George Carlton Rhoderick bought out the equipment and good will of a Middletown paper called "The Catoctin Whig." They re-named it "The Valley Register," which name it still carries. In the spring of 1858 Edward Bowlus sold his interest in the paper and prepared for the dental profession. He practiced for a time in Middletown and Hagerstown, then established his office in Frederick where he continued to the time of his death. For many years he was S. S. Supt. of the Methodist Church, South, in Frederick. In 1905 his widow and unmarried children removed to Toledo, Ohio. The children of this couple were:
1. Jennie Norwood. Born July 4, 1874; died 1948. Married Dr. Lloyd T. MacGill. Children--Mary Houck, Lillian Houck, Edwin.
 2. Mary Agatha. Born Feb. 26, 1877; died Aug. 12, 1938. Married Otho J. Keller, II. Son--Otho J. Keller, III.
 3. Jessie Ella. Born Nov. 8, 1878. Married Eugene A. Grove. Their children--Mary Louise, Grace Regina, Lillian Virginia and Rebecca Clagett.
 4. George Edward. Born Dec. 25, 1882; died 1948. Unmarried.
 5. David Thomas. Born Nov. 28, 1885.
 6. Arthur Clagett. Born Apr. 21, 1888; died 1949. Married Ruth Wheeler. Son--Edward.
 7. Grace Rebecca. Born Dec. 24, 1890. Married Thomas Saurbach. Son--James Schwartz.
 8. Syntha Louise. Born Jan. 21, 1896. Married George Earl Griffin.
- (5) SOPHIA A. Born Oct. 19, 1831; died July 20, 1847. Did not marry.
- (6) MARTHA A. Did not marry. Died at age 68. Died Oct. 20, 1903.
- (7) MARY ELLEN. Born 1839; died Feb. 24, 1907. Unmarried.

Note: The above named are not in chronological order:

Chapter XIII

THE STIMMEL FAMILY

In the Compendium of American Genealogy, by Virkus, Vol. VI, 1937, we find the biographical sketch of the Rev. John Wesley Stockwell (Jr.) a Philadelphia minister, who is a great grandson of John B. Stimmel. To Mr. Stockwell we are indebted for the information we have, meager as it is, about the first two known generations of Stimmels in America--Isaac, and Jacob, Sr.

Isaac Stimmel
GGGG Grandfather of L. McD. H.

In 1753 Isaac Stimmel owned property known as "Lickrun" on the Conococheague Creek, which was then part of Frederick County, Md. In that year he sold the property and removed to a section of York County, Pa., which is now in Adams County. Other facts and figures about him and his family are unknown, excepting that he had a son named Jacob (Sr.)

JACOB STIMMEL
GGG Grandfather of L. McD. H.

Jacob Stimmel, son of Isaac, was married and had a family when he removed from what is now Adams County, Pa., to Woodsboro district, Frederick County, Md., in 1770. He owned tracts of land known as "Bedford" and "Longsdon's Amendment." He died in 1807.

JACOB STIMMEL (Jr.) and ELIZABETH (Bussard) STIMMEL
GG Grandparents of L. McD. H.

Jacob Stimmel, Jr., was born Dec. 21, 1762 and died Sept. 17, 1842. At the age of seven or eight years he was brought by his parents to the Woodsboro section. On Nov. 13, 1785, he married Elizabeth Bussard. We lack information about her family and vital statistics. However, we know that they were the parents of John Bussard Stimmel.

JOHN BUSSARD STIMMEL and ELIZABETH (Smith) STIMMEL
G Grandparents of L. McD. H.

John Bussard Stimmel was born July 7, 1791, and died Feb. 17, 1883. He married Elizabeth Smith, who was born June 25, 1794, and died Dec. 15 or 16, 1876. For a number of years after their marriage they lived at West Farms, Mass. Later they returned to Frederick City and, with the help of their daughter Catherine and her husband, Jacob McDonnell, they operated what was known as "The Central Hotel." It was located on the s. w. corner of West Patrick and Court Streets. Here Catherine died Oct. 29, 1854, from illness caused by poisonous paint fumes. A month later her two year old son died, cause not known. Following these misfortunes John B. and Elizabeth Stimmel sold the hotel and purchased several farms in Woodsboro and Mt. Pleasant districts. They lived on their farm just north of Mt. Pleasant where a small creek crosses the highway, western side. On April 16, 1869, John B. Stimmel was made president (chairman) of a group of members of the Glade Reformed Charge who lived in the Mt. Pleasant section, who erected a Reformed Church edifice in Mt. Pleasant. It still stands, substantially as when erected, and is regularly used.

The Family of John B. Stimmel and Elizabeth (Smith) Stimmel.

(1) EDWARD H. Born Apr. 3, 1816; died Nov. 26, 1906, in 91st year. On Sept. 13, 1841 he was licensed to marry Susan Dern (Derham on license). Their one child died in infancy. On Dec. 6, 1845 Edward H. Stimmel was licensed to marry Mary Jane Barrick, who was born Aug. 8, 1828 and died Dec. 2, 1906. Edward H. and Mary Jane died within a week of each other. Their children were:

1. John William. Born Oct. 16, 1846; died Mar. 23, 1941. He married Ellen Catherine Slagle, who was born Apr. 24, 1849; died Mar. 17, 1928. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kroh) Slagle. This couple had five children, as follows:
 1. Emma Virginia. Born Jan. 25, 1872; died Aug. 31, 1949. She married Rev. Charles L. Ritter. No children.
 2. Lottie Mae. Born Dec. 27, 1874; died June 26, 1936. She married Lewis M. Smith. No children.
 3. Myra LaRue. Born June 6, 1876; died Apr. 10, 1913. She married J. Carl Shull and had two children:
 1. Mildred. Born June 6, 1905. Did not marry.
 2. Robert. Born 1907. Married Florence Fields and had two children: Robert Fields, born Nov. 21, 1931, and married Martha Jane Earkdoll; Richard Carl, born Dec. 2,
 4. Cora Elizabeth. Born Jan. 11, 1880. Married Eugene Umberger and had one child, Mary Ellen, born July 23, 1916. Mary Ellen married Karl Essrich, and had Jeanne Ellen, born Sept. 3, 1946.
 5. Ruth Catherine. Born May 11, 1892. Married Charles Calvin Keeney. There are three children:
 1. Dr. Dan F. Born Feb. 24, 1920. Married Lois Simmons and had two children: Scott Simmons, born Apr. 13, 1948, and Christopher Lee, born Dec. 29, 1950. Dr. and Mrs. Keeney live in Springfield, Va. His office is in Washington, D. C. (See page 41)
 2. Joseph Stimmel. Born Jan. 25, 1922. Married Frances M. Overfelt and had two children: Jacqueline Stimmel, born May 28, 1946, and Elizabeth Marcella, born May 9, 1950. Their home is near Norfolk, Va.
 3. Ellen LaRue. Born Jan. 27, 1925. Married Dr. Frank W. Baker and had two children: Kathleen LaRue, born Nov. 4, 1948, and William Frank, born Mar. 2, 1952. Doctor (Captain) Baker is currently with U. S. Army, Anchorage, Alaska, but expects to be released this fall (1954) and will practice in Baltimore.
2. James H. Born Sept. 27, 1851; died Jan. 1, 1931. He married Margaret Beard, who died Nov. 21, 1937. No children.
3. G. Marshall. Born Apr. 23, 1855; died Jan. 29, 1915. He was a cripple. Did not marry.
4. Thomas J. Born July 2, 1858; died Jan. 29, 1890. Did not marry.
5. Catherine M. Born May 28, 1865; died July 11, 1933. She married Charles W. Shank and had five children:- Paul; Mary Margaret, who married Raymond Senft and had two children, Josephine Virginia and Helen Jane; Stuart Stimmel, who married Ida Crawl; Catherine Mae, who did not marry; and Charles Edward.
6. Archie M.
Born May 30, 1873. Married Abigail Young, who died May 29, 1952, aged 76y, 8m, 12d. No children. Archie gained fame as star pitcher for Cincinnati Reds of Nat'l League in the early 1900's. He lives alone in the old homestead, where he has lived 80 years.

We now continue with the children of John B. Stimmel and wife.

- (2) ELEANOR C. Eleanor Carmack Stimmel was born in 1819 and died in 1907. She married Philip Mathias in Feb. 1836. Philip Mathias' father was Griffith Mathias (1786-1851) and a veteran of the War of 1812. His mother was Susanna Huffard. This couple married in 1806. Philip Mathias' grandfather was a recruiting officer for the Revolutionary War. The children of Philip and Eleanor Mathias were as follows (not in chronological order):
- Susan E. Born May 26, 1837; died Aug. 11, 1838. Buried in Reformed Church cemetery, Woodsboro.
 - Eliza Jane. (1839-1934) In 1865 she married John Wesley Stockwell, of Phila. Children--Herbert, Rev. John W., Jr., Adelaide, and Joseph.
 - Laura. Married James B. Ogle. Children--Benjamin, Ernest, Ruby, who married Stull, Catherine, who married Webster, Maude, Carrie.
 - Elizabeth. Married Irving W. Loy. Children--Robert, Daisy, Vernon, Park, and Eleanor.
 - Ella. Married Joseph Routzahn. Children--Evert, Maude, who married Harry Rochester, and Wildey.
 - John P. T. Married Elizabeth McCurdy. Their son, Charles McC. Mathias, Sr., and grandson, Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., are prominent Frederick attorneys.
 - Susan. Married C. Newton Thomas. Children--Edith (Teacher, deceased), Grace (Teacher, Hood College), Ira (deceased), and Dr. Edward P. (Frederick physician and surgeon).
C. Newton Thomas was born May 7, 1853 and died May 25, 1947. His parents were Christian and Mary Elizabeth (Kemp) Thomas. He served three terms as Judge of the Orphans' Court.
 - Alice. Married Calvin Routzahn Feb. 12, 1872. Children--Elvin, Ruth (married Albert Ault), and Philip.
 - Rose M. Married Charles H. Krise. Son--Wilbur M.
 - Park. Married Gertrude Shoemaker. Children--Philip, Edgar, Leonard.
 - Etta. Married Clarence Hartsock. Son--Clarence.
 - Abba. Married David Snively. Children--Catherine, Robert, Raymond.
- (3) CATHERINE ANN. Born Jan. 14, 1822; died Oct. 29, 1854. Married Jacob McDonnell (McDonald) of Creagerstown. See pages 25, 25a. Catherine was the grandmother of L. McD. H.
- (4) ELIZABETH C. Born Oct. 24, 1824. Married Jeremiah Henry Cramer, son of Ezra and C. Mary (Winebrenner) Cramer. Jeremiah was born Sept. 18, 1825, and died Feb. 22, 1899. His mother was a sister of Rev. John Winebrenner, a minister of the Reformed Church who broke with that denomination and founded the Church of God. He was baptized in the Susquehanna river by Bishop Jacob Erb, of the United Brethren Church. Jeremiah and Elizabeth Stimmel Cramer lived on the old Stephen Ramsburg (Holdcraft ancestor) farm near Harmony Grove. They had six children--Mary Elizabeth (Clemson), who died Jan. 14, 1953 at the age of over 104 years, Alice Josephine, married James Houck (one daughter, Kate, married Noah E. Cramer; another, Alice, married Richard Nallin), Charles Henry, Anna M., Bradley T. J., and Robert Lee.
- (5) JOHN. Married Hannah E. Parsons. Lived in Ohio.
- (6) JOSEPHINE. Married David Baker. Died at Manchester, Md., in 1908.

THE GROSHONS IN THE McDONALD BACKGROUND

As told P. E. H. by Miss Margaret Groshon

Three brothers, Abraham, Elias, and John Groshon came to America from France in the late 1700's. The original spelling of the name is said to have been "Grosjean." Other variations have been Groshong, Grushon, Grausawn, etc. The brothers landed on the New Jersey coast and made their way to the vicinity of Creagerstown, Frederick County, Md., where they engaged in farming.

Elias Groshon married Margaret Lida (Lidie) in Feb. 1801. They had one child, named William, born in 1803. William married Ann Wickham in Nov. 1824 and had a son named Robert, who died in childhood. Ann Groshon died at an early age and William married, secondly, Margaret Clantz, in Nov. 1831. William and Margaret had seven children, of whom five reached maturity. One of the five was William Jasper Groshon. The latter married Amy Alice Weddle and they had nine children, of whom Margaret Groshon, now living in Baltimore, was the fourth.

Elias Groshon, who married Margaret Lida, in addition to farming made a business of hauling produce to the Baltimore markets and bring merchandise back with him, for the stores and farmers. On one of his return trips he was attacked by robbers who injured him so severely that he died. His young son, William, was then taken to raise by his uncle Abraham. Margaret Lida Groshon later married Jacob McDonnell, (Sr.) By this second marriage at least two children were born--Jacob McDonnell (Jr.) and Harriett, who married a Mr. Baker.

Jacob McDonnell, (Jr.) married Catherine Stimmel and they became the grandparents of L. McD. H. See history of the McDonalds and the Stimmels.

THE FLOYDS

The Floyds were among the early settlers of the Middletown Valley. See the sketch on the life of John Jacob (of L) Routzahn.

John Floyd was born March 6, 1766 and died Apr. 11, 1826. He married Elizabeth Bowlus, who died Dec. 19, 1846. The relation of this Elizabeth Bowlus to the Elizabeth Bowlus who married Hezekiah Routzahn many years later is not known. John and Elizabeth Floyd were the GG Grandparents of L. McD. H.

Catherine, daughter of John and Elizabeth Floyd, was born May 22, 1800, and died Feb. 9, 1873. She married John Jacob (of L) Routzahn, who was born Dec. 26, 1792 and died July 21, 1876. They were the G-Grandparents of L. McD. H.

Hezekiah Routzahn, son of John Jacob (of L) and Catherine Floyd Routzahn, married Elizabeth Ann Bowlus, daughter of David and Sophia Bowlus. See history of the Routzahn and Bowlus families. Hezekiah and Elizabeth Routzahn were the grandparents of L. McD. H.

Clara Virginia Routzahn, daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Ann Routzahn, married Jacob Vincent McDonald. They were the parents of L. McD. H.

Chapter XIV

McDONALD FAMILY, ERRATA AND ADDENDA

(For similar material on the Holdcraft family see page 23)

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- Page 28. To Glenn Earl Masser and Mary Grimes Masser was born a son, Robert Eugene, May 5, 1954.
- Page 28. To Roy Wilmer Witmer and Melva Blank Witmer was born a daughter, Sylvia Ann, July 31, 1954.
- Page 32. Harvey R. Grossnickle died June 28, 1954.
- Page 33. Roy L. Leatherman was born Jan. 16, 1886; Estelle Baumgardner Leatherman was born Mar. 2, 1911; and Adrian Bradley Leatherman was born Oct. 14, 1916.
- Page 34. Edgar H. McBride's military service was in World War I.
- Page 35. Asa Bowlus, according to an old copy of the Valley Register was, in the 1850's "the champion debater of the Middletown Valley."
- Page 35. Dr. Emory M. Bowlus was born May 10, 1852 and died Jan. 6, 1901.
- Page 35. Sarah Shafer Bowlus died Jan. 19, 1911.
- Page 36. Noah Bowlus also served two terms in the Md. House of Delegates.
- Page 36. Martha Bowlus died Oct. 20, 1903.
- Page 37. Addenda, the Stimmels:

The date of the marriage license of John B. and Elizabeth Smith Stimmel was Feb. 17, 1816.

It will be noticed that information is meager concerning the first few known generations of Stimmels in Frederick County. No doubt Isaac, Jacob, Sr., and Jacob, Jr. all had large families as was commonplace in those days. Many of these seem to have followed the pioneers to the west.

A Yost Stimmel, without doubt a member of the family, was born in 1760 and died in 1805. He was licensed Oct. 28, 1784 by Frederick County Court to marry Magdalena Stoker. In 1795 they moved to a farm 8 miles s. w. of what is now Romney, W. Va. After her husband's death, the wife took her eight children to a farm near Columbus, Ohio.

Nine Stimmels are listed in the alumni register of Ohio Wesleyan Univ. Smith Stimmel, who definitely was connected with the family, but whose relationship is not clear, was a student at Ohio Wesleyan at the outbreak of the Civil War. He became a member of the Union Light Guards, and was assigned to the White House as a personal bodyguard and escort of President Lincoln. In 1889 he was president of the Dakota Territorial Council. Later he attained fame as an author and lecturer on the subject, "Personal Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln." His book by this title is in the Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore.

- Page 38. A son was born to Doctor and Mrs. Dan F. Keeney April 28, 1954, who was named Ronald Meredith.
- Page 38. Joseph Stimmel Keeney's birthdate should read Jan. 25, 1922.
- Page 39. Alice Josephine Cramer married James Houck Oct. 14, 1869.
- Page 39. The children of David and Josephine Baker included: Effie, John, Carrie, and Edna, John (Manchester, Md. banker) did not marry; Effie married Sanford Shaffer and had two children, Josephine and Isabel; Edna taught school a while, then became a nurse, and later married.

CHAPTER XIV

McDonald Family - Errata and Addenda

For similar material on the Holdcrafts see page 23

- Page 25. Carlton Vinson Jackson (b 8-1-1872; d 3-10-1955) Married Gartrelia Alice Fogle Aug. 22, 1900. She was b. 8-11-1882; d. 9-11-1963. Their children were:
1. Nevin Carlton, b 4-20-1902. Married _____
Children: Richard, b 2-14-1926; Kenneth Leo; Roland Mehrl and Roy Glenn. The latter were twins. By a second marriage Nevin Carlton became father of Shirley Irene Jackson Grimes; Delores Gartrelia Jackson Whipp; Martha Jane Bowman; Gloria Wetzel; Nevin C. Jackson, Jr.; and Donna Jackson.
 2. Morris Mehrl, b 3-31-1906. Married Betty Hahn Oct. 18, 1924. Their children: Alice Elizabeth (b 9-1-1925. Married Carl Mercer. Morrisella May b 5-13-1927. Married Eugene J. McKissick. Barbara Ann, b 6-30-1938. Married George G. Dissenbaucher.
 3. John Arthur, b 11-3-1910. (Wife deceased) Children: Betty Kee Jackson Mowdy; Dorothy Ann Jackson Remsberg; Sandra Jackson.
- Page 25a. Mervin L. Green married Naomi Ellen Mackley. See page 7.
- Page 26. The McDonalds bought the 8th street property in the spring of 1902.
- Page 27. Josephine Altenhoefer McDonald died Jan. 11, 1955.
- Page 27. Add: Children of Richard L. and Jean Baugh:
Joan Elaine, b 8-4-1955. Daniel Lee & Dianne Lynn, twins, b 7-11-1956.
- Page 27. Born to Richard and Rita Fuhrman, Sandra Kay, 10-24-1955.
- Page 27. Born to LeMar and Carolyn Zink, Stephanie Ann, 8-30-1955.
- Page 27. Robert Cletus Keller married Karen Marie Huriburt, Aug. 19, 1961. Karen was born Feb. 17, 1940.
- Page 27. Wedding date of Jennie McDonald to Rev. G. W. Masser was Feb. 26, 1902.
- Page 27. Children of Donald and Evelyn Sullivan: Jennifer Marie, b 8-27-1953; Michael Monroe, b 3-14-1958; Thomas Ray, b 8-14-1960.
- Page 27. Children of Eugene Louis Stup and wife, Carolee: Marita Lynn, b 2-4-1951; Cristy Ann, b 1-4-1954; Barry Carroll, b 6-1-1955.
- Page 28. Born to Richard L. and Lottie J. Masser: Brenda Lee, 10-9-1958.
- Page 28. Children of Glenn E. and Mary Grimes Masser: Robert Eugene, b 5-5-1954. Philip Ray, b 3-22-1958; Mark Allen, 3-25-1960.
- Page 28. Born to Leslie Donald Masser and Linda Young Masser, Judy Ann, 3-11-1960.
- Page 28. Children of Roy Wilmer Witmer and Melva Blank Witmer: Sylvia Ann, b Jan. 31, 1954; Keith Edward, b 7-22-1957; Brian Eugene, b 6-13-1958; Allen Wilmer, b 11-18-1960; Kevin Scott, b Jan. 16, 1962.
- Page 28. Margaret Jennie Ropp married Raymond Magnus, Laurel, Mont., 12-31-1954. Children: Ronald Ray, b 10-12-1955; Gayla Renee, b 9-22-1957; Steven Lee, b 9-3-1963.
- Page 28. Alberta Jean Ropp married Kenneth E. Willard April 24, 1960. To them a son, Gary Eugene, was born June 28, 1961.

Page 28. Robert McD. Masser married Hazel Brashears, Sept. 1954.

Their children: Kathy Ann, born Aug. 6, 1955.

Robert McD., Jr., born Sept. 10, 1958.

Page 28. Mary Elizabeth McDonald Streett died July 11, 1964, after an extended illness. Her body was laid to rest in the Worland, Wyoming Cemetery, beside that of her husband. Mary was a devout Christian and church worker, and a Past Matron of the Eastern Star.

Page 28. Clara Elizabeth married Paul Willis Shipley, Feb. 2, 1957.

Page 28. Jerry Delmer Wortham entered the ministry of the Methodist Church. He married Maryanna Baker, Springfield, Ohio, June 9, 1956. Maryanna was born Aug. 19, 1938, to Marion and Opal Baker.

Children of Rev. Jerry Delmer Wortham and Maryanna Baker Wortham:

Jerry Clay, born Mar. 15, 1958.

John Timothy, born May 21, 1961.

Mary Elizabeth, born Dec. 22, 1962.

Page 28. Roberta Jean Streett married John Francis Murphy, Worland, Wyo., Dec. 27, 1959. Their children are:

Shelly Ann, born Oct. 11, 1960.

Sharon Mary, born July 10, 1963.

Page 28. Donald Dee Streett married Patricia Ann Lawrence in Worland, Wyo., Sept. 9, 1955. Patricia was born Sept. 9, 1936. Their children are:

Richard Delmer, born June 8, 1957.

Donald Kevin, born Dec. 10, 1959.

Lori Ann, born Mar. 29, 1961.

Page 28. Bessie Lee McDonald Dubel died April 21, 1955. She had served for over 35 years as Supt. of Beginners' Dept. of the Frederick E. U. B. Sunday School.

Page 28. James Nathan Dubel died June 7, 1961.

Page 28. James Robert Dubel died Oct. 28, 1962. Chief of Police, Thurmont, Md. He was highly respected by all, and greatly loved by little children.

Page 28. Children of James Robert and Mary Lou Nelson Dubel:

Lawson Antone, born Sept. 28, 1946. (Enlisted in U. S. Marines, Sept. 1964.)

Virginia Lee, born Dec. 9, 1947; died Oct. 6, 1950.

Pauline Kay, born July 13, 1954; died Feb. 21, 1957.

Robert Nathan, born Mar. 2, 1960; died in infancy.

Page 28. Mary Elizabeth Dubel married Morris Franklin Miller May 6, 1961. Morris, son of Morris F. and Margaret I. Ridgely Miller, is the grandson of Benjamin Franklin and Mattie I. Powell Miller.

Page 28. Floyd Routzahn McDonald's tombstone gives the date of his death as Aug. 6, 1896, aged 6 y and 3 m.

Page 28. Mary Lou Nelson Dubel re-married March 28, 1963 to Roman A. Bailey, and they now reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

Page 29. Ann Virginia Horner married James Curtis Shindledecker June 2, 1956.

Children: Matthew James, born Mar. 9, 1962.

Karl Jay, born Aug. 27, 1963.

Page 29. Gene Vincent Horner married Helen Lee Myers.

Their son, Gene Vincent Horner, Jr., was born Jan. 26, 1961.

Page 29. Jacklyn Dorothy Horner married Lanny McCleaf, June 2, 1962.

Page 29. Nancy Marie Henderson married Charles Clinton Crum, Mar. 9, 1961.

—Son, Charles Clinton, III, was born June 25, 1964.

Page 29. John Mack Henderson was born Feb. 21, 1953, son of Harry Emory Henderson, Sr., and Dorothy Rothenhoefer Henderson.

Page 30. Esther Sheffer Routzahn's tombstone gives her name as Easter.

—Children of Johann Ludwig Routzahn, Jr., and Esther Sheffer Routzahn:

- Adam (b 11-10-1796; d 4-13-1840). Married Elizabeth Floyd (d 11-10-1888).

- Children of Adam and Elizabeth were Elias E. (?), Elias S. (?), Naomi and Caroline. Caroline married Rev. Ezra Keller, 4-25-1837, who became an outstanding Lutheran minister, and founder-president of Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. Dr. Keller died Dec. 29, 1848. Caroline married, secondly, Peter A. Schindler.

- Jacob L. (d 7-21-1876, aged 83 y) He married Catherine Floyd (d 2-9-1873). Children: Hezekiah, "and others," ??

- Magdalene. Married Tobias Horine. She was born Jan. 2, 1802; died Jan. 21, 1873.

—Note: Adam and Jacob Routzahn married sisters.

Page 32. Lola Elizabeth (Doub) Smith died Aug. 19, 1962. Victor Tilden Smith died Jan. 26, 1956, aged 79.

Page 32. Gregory Allen Smith, son of Claude Smith and Mary Agnes Rimes Smith, was born Feb. 6, 1956.

Page 32. Sophia Catherine Routzahn Gaver died May 17, 1931.

Page 32. Dorothy Virginia Horine died Jan. 14, 1965. She had retired in Aug. 1964, after serving 39 years as a Supervisor of Physical Education in Baltimore City Schools.

Page 32. Robert Floyd Horine died Jan. 17, 1960.

Page 32. Jane Evans Horine, daughter of Gerald and Jane, married Hugh Lyle Campbell Sept. 1, 1962. A son, Hugh Lyle, Jr., was born Nov. 4, 1963.

Page 32. Harvey R. Grossnickle died 6-28-1954. His widow, Alta Harshman Grossnickle, died 4-4-1955.

Page 32. Harold E. Grossnickle died Aug. 2, 1956.

Page 32. Mehrle Grossnickle, son of Harvey and Alta, died _____.

Page 33. Stephen A. Leatherman was awarded a citation in 1961 by Gov. J. M. Tawes for "Distinguished Citizenship" following his winning of a national essay contest which carried with it a scholarship in any college of his choosing. A graduate of Shepherd College, Stephen is now studying for the Lutheran ministry in the Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Page 33. Adrianna Bee Leatherman was married July, 1963, to Richard Flagg, of Martinsburg, W. Va. Their son, R. Todd Flagg, was born June 1964.

Page 33. Glenna May Routzahn Staley died May 15, 1960

Page 33. Add: Paul and Mildred Staley family, New Market, Md.
Patrick John and Mary Loretta, born Oct. 3, 1954. Twins.
Peter Gregory, born Jan. 30, 1956,
Janice Rebecca, born June 12, 1960.

Page 33. Michael Hedges Staley, oldest child of Paul and Mildred Staley, was married May 20, 1960, to Patricia Brant, daughter of John H. and _____ Brant.
Children: Mitchell Alan, born Feb. 5, 1962.
Rebecca Lorraine, born May 19, 1963.

- Page 33. John H. Staley, Jr., and wife became the parents of a son, Feb. 10, 1954. The child's name is John Hedges Staley, III. This family lives in Oakland, California.
- Page 33. Ira Bowlus Staley married Arlene Grove, daughter of Edward and _____ Grove, of Frederick, on Feb. 4, 1956.
- Page 34. Carrie Estelle McBride Shafer died Mar. 16, 1957.
- Page 34. Richard Edgar Snyder, Jr., died _____.
- Page 35. An old copy of the Middletown Valley Register refers to Asa Bowlus as the "Champion Debater of the Middletown Valley in the 1850's."
- Page 35. Dr. Emory M. Bowlus was born May 10, 1852; died Jan. 6, 1901.
- Page 35. Sarah Shafer Bowlus died Jan. 19, 1911, aged 81 years.
- Page 36. Noah Bowlus also served two terms in the Maryland State Legislature.
- Page 37. The Frederick County Court issued a marriage license Feb. 17, 1816, for John B. Stimmel and Elizabeth Smith.
- Note on the Stimmels by P. E. H.
- Information on the early generations of Stimmels is meager. There is every reason to believe, however, that Isaac, Jacob, Sr., and Jacob, Jr., all had large families. Many of these followed the pioneers to the west.
- Yost Stimmel, without doubt a member of the clan, was born in 1760, and died in 1805. He was licensed to marry Magdalena Stoker, Oct. 28, 1784, by the Frederick County Court. In 1795 this family moved to a farm eight miles s. w. of what became Romney, W. Va. After Yost died his widow took her eight children to a farm near Columbus, Ohio.
- Nine Stimmels are listed in the alumni register of Ohio Wesleyan Univ.
- Smith Stimmel, who definitely was connected with the family, but whose relationship is not clear, was a student at Ohio Wesleyan at the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in the Union Light Guards and was assigned to the White House as a personal body guard and escort of President Lincoln. In 1889 he was president of the Dakota Territorial Council. Later he attained fame as an author and lecturer on the subject, "Personal Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln." His book by this title is in the Pratt Library, Baltimore.
- Page 38. The date of the marriage of John William Stimmel to Ellen Catherine Slagle was March 9, 1871.
- Page 38. Mildred Shull married Charles Bender, Dec. 19, 1955.
- Page 38. Charles Calvin Keeney died Nov. 12, 1957, aged 69 years.
- Page 38. Ronald Meredith Keeney was born Apr. 28, 1954, to Dr. and Mrs. Dan Keeney.
- Page 38. The third child of Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Baker is Robert Edward, born Jan. sixth, 1956. Doctor Baker, after a tour of duty as a Captain in the U. S. Army, established offices in Baltimore, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.
- Page 38. Catherine Mae Shank, daughter of Catherine M. Stimmel Shank and Charles W. Shank, was born Feb. 29, 1904 and died Dec. 7, 1952.
- Charles Edward Shank was born Feb. 2, 1907; died Jan. 26, 1956. He was married to Frances _____.
- Page 38. Archie M. Stimmel died Aug. 17, 1958. In the early 1900's he was a star pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds of the National League.
- Page 39. Charles McMathias, Jr., is serving his second term as U. S. Congressman from the sixth district of Maryland.

Page 39. Dr. Edward P. Thomas, Frederick Physician and Surgeon, died _____.

Dr. Robert J. Thomas, son of Dr. Edward, after graduation from Washington and Lee University and the Univ. of Md. Medical School, and internship at Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, established himself in his father's old office in Frederick, to practice surgery. The young doctor married Miss Phyllis Myers of Hagerstown. Their daughter is Cynthia (aged 4 in 1964). (Information from the Frederick News, July 8, 1964.)

Page 39. Etta M. Hartsock, widow of Clarence, died July 28, 1955, aged 90 years. She was survived by a son, Clarence, Jr.

Page 39. The children of Josephine Stimmel Baker and David Baker, included: Effie, who married Sanford Shaffer and had two children—Josephine and Isabel. Effie died at Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 14, 1951. (Correction: There were three children as reported in the press as survivors—Mrs. C. R. Demedicis, Miss Isabel Shaffer, and Mrs. Vinson Wolfe.

Other children of David and Josephine Baker were: John (Manchester, Md., banker) did not marry; Edna, taught school for a while, then became a nurse, and later married.



OUR MIXED ANCESTORS

It must be remembered that heredity is not a unit. More than one ancestor is struggling within you. We are all of mixed blood—very mixed indeed, but more good than bad. You have two parents, four grand-parents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents, thirty-two great-great-great-grandparents, and so on! Go back only ten generations and you accumulate 2,046 ancestors on the way. You are descended from possibly 1,024 different people of the generation that saw the Mayflower cross the ocean. There is nothing so democratic as a family tree, if you climb into all its branches! Probably most of those ancestors were fairly decent folks on the whole. Side with the best of them, then, and don't disgrace them!

—Albert W. Palmer.

COAT OF ARMS

It is said that a White House visitor once asked President Lincoln if the Lincoln family had a coat-of-arms. "Indeed, yes!" replied Mr. Lincoln, "a pair of shirt sleeves. Would you like to see them?"

WHENCE CAME YE?

WHITHER GOEST THOU?

It is said the Australians have a fowl called the Thunderbird. It flies backward, presumably because it would rather see where it has been than where it is going. There is something to be said for both of these points of view. Perhaps Daniel Webster had the right idea. He remarked: "Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world." Edmund Burke, English statesman, wrote: "A man who is not proud of his ancestry will never leave anything for which his posterity may be proud of him."

GREAT GRAND DAD

Great Grand Dad when the land was young
Barred his door with a wagon tongue;
The times were rough and the wilderness mocked
And he said his prayers with his shotgun cocked.
He was a citizen tough and grim,
Danger was like "duck soup" to him.
His great grand son now falls asleep
And fears no harm from the darkness deep,
For great grand daddy fought and won
And tamed the land for his great grand son.
Great grand dad was a busy man;
He cooked his grub in a frying pan.
He ate his cornbread and bacon fat,
But great grand son would starve on that.
Great grand dad was gaunt with toil
Grimed and seamed with the sun and soil.
Great grand son is fat and clean,
And rides to work in a limousine.
Twenty-five children came to bless
Great grand's home in the wilderness.
Laugh at this statement if you can,
But great grand dad was a busy man.
Twenty-five children and they grew,
Stout and tall on the bacon, too;
Slept on the floor with the dogs and cats
And shopped the woods for their coonskin caps.
Fraud was a mystery, and so was jazz
Or giving their parents a scornful razz.
If they got fresh with great grand dad
He tanned their hides with a hickory gad.
He raised them rough but raised them well,
And if they took hold on the ways of hell
He filled them full of the fear of God;
And flailed their pants with an old ram rod.
They grew strong of heart and strong of hand,
The firm foundation of our land.
Twenty-five kids--but this great grand son
To save his life can't manage one.

--Alabama Christian Advocate.

